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## BETTER CANTON ATMOSPHERE

## HONGKONG'S FRIENDSHIP THE KEYNOTE.

## RUMLOURED LOAN FROM HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANK.

## RED UNION PROSCRIBED.

A much brighter atmosphere is prevailing in Canton, consequent on the return of General Li Chai-sum, reports our correspondent there. One particularly noticeable feature is that the majority of the people are extremely pleased at the prospect of friendly relations with Hongkong.

Everyone, says our correspondent, are discussing the benefits of friendship with Hongkong, in which connexion the loan of British engines to the Chinese section of the Canton-Kowloon Railway is cited. A rumour prevails that General Li Chai-sum has negotiated a big loan with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the stabilisation of Canton currency.

According to Chinese reports, General Li Chai-sum has ordered the Revolutionary Workers' General Association and all Labour Guilds connected therewith to be proscribed; also that many other Guilds are to be reorganised.

Operations on the East River continue, and it is stated that General Pei Chung-hsi has sent strong reinforcements to Swatow in reply to a request for assistance from troops loyal to Li Chai-sum.

## "IRONSIDES" GREATLY OUTNUMBERED.

The Telegraph's Canton correspondent, under date of yesterday, writes as follows: "Canton has been a brighter place since the return stood it, but these Chinese clerks of General Li Chai-sum. The man on the street is smiling once more, the jaded looks of women and children have disappeared."

### CHINESE REPORTS.

Proscribing a "Red" Union.

A few shops are still closed, but the Tai San Stores have reopened this morning and Sincere's will re-open this week. The Tai San Company has made a new agreement with its staff on a "mutual basis." The old agreement was one which the staff had drawn up, and upon the acceptance of which they insisted. They broke the contract themselves, however, and the new terms amount to a capitulation on the part of the staff and is another proof that the employer is not always the tyrant he is made out to be.

Some of the vernacular papers have rather amusing comments on the visit of General Li Chai-sum to His Excellency the Governor of Hongkong (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.). One report says that "Li received such an urgent and pressing invitation from the Governor of Hongkong that he could not possibly refuse without being discourteous!"

### A Loan Rumour.

Be that as it may, the vast majority of the people of Canton are pleased at the prospect of friendly relations being established with Hongkong, and it is rumoured that Li Chai-sum has negotiated a big loan with the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the stabilisation of Canton currency. This rumour is a popular one for many reasons, first—because the people want to get something for their paper money, and next because, as the Chinese say, it looks as if the British may be prepared to recognise a local Canton Government.

The benefits of being friendly with Hongkong are being discussed by all and sundry, and unless some-one blunders, there are better times ahead. The loan of British engines to the Chinese Section of the Kowloon-Canton Railway is quoted as an instance of one of the good results of friendship, and the dollar a mile paid by Canton for the use of the engines is regarded as caution money and good business.

The good nature of the Chinese was seen at the booking office at the Tai Sha Tau to-day. A number of workmen employed by the railway were inside and as soon as the booking clerk received silver over the counter for tickets sold, the workmen took the coins and handed the clerk paper notes. The notes had been given to them as wages, but

## JAPAN WARNED.

### CHINESE CHAMBERS PROTEST.

### COMMUNISM DENOUNCED.

Shanghai, Dec. 30. The Chinese Chambers of Commerce which have been holding a national conference here to-day, dispatched a telegram to the Japanese Government and the Japanese commercial bodies offering a friendly warning that in the event Japanese troops are dispatched to Shantung, it would likely have a bad effect upon the Sino-Japanese relations."

The telegram states that while the Japanese are planning to land their troops under the guise of protecting Japanese interests, the Chinese think that the real motive is their interference to the Nationalist advance to Peking.

### TAXATION BURDEN.

Following this action the commerce delegates, numbering more than a hundred representatives from the various parts of China including both north and South China, criticised their own officials by demanding the cessation of exorbitant taxation which is loading the people with an unbearable financial burden, making it impossible for the Chinese merchants to compete with the foreign merchants who are untaxed, due to their extraterritoriality.

The conference is also strongly resolute against the Chinese militarists' practice of quartering troops on Chinese private property and against the commandering of Chinese coastal river steamers for the transportation of the troops without the payment of their services.

The final session of the conference voted to call a National Rehabilitation Conference for the purpose of making plans for finding means of meeting the national indebtedness, unifying the industrial development, solving the labour and capital conflicts, and also of making plans for the establishment of exhibitions of Chinese products abroad, especially in Chile, Argentina, and other places in South America.

### LABOUR TROUBLES.

The Conference also demanded that the Nationalist Government modify immediately the regulations which the chambers allege to be responsible for the recent labour uprisings under Communist inspiration. The latter resolution alleges that Communist influence is responsible for encouraging labour organizations under Government auspices which have caused the recent class conflicts.

The appointed committee, composed mostly of about 30 prominent businessmen and bankers, drafted a plan of active co-operation with the Chinese Commerce Chambers including Chinese in the Philippines, Straits Settlements, and America in order to assist the Nationalist Government in the reorganization following the completion of the military phase of the revolution.

## ANGLO-AMERICAN HISTORY.

### LITERATURE BEING SOUGHT.

New York, Jan. 8. A message from Newhaven, Connecticut, announced that Mrs. Florence Brookaten, of New York, has presented Yale University with a fund of \$25,000, the income from which is to be used for the collection of literature bearing on Anglo-American relations between the years 1760 and 1816. (Continued on Page 14.)

### ANOTHER BERLIN EXPLOSION.

### ITS ORIGIN EXPLAINED.

Berlin, Jan. 8. The city was roused at nine o'clock in the morning by a noise like a thunder clap when an explosion in the Dahlem suburb destroyed a villa occupied by two professors engaged on chemical experiments.

The house was blown to pieces, two being killed and eight seriously injured.—Reuter.

## GALLANT RESCUE OF JUNK CREW.

### THIRTY MEN CLING TO SINKING CRAFT.

### ELEVEN HOURS' ADRIFT.

On the arrival of the West Nomentum from the north during the weekend, it was learned that the passing of a derelict junk, previously reported in a wireless message and forming the subject of a notice to mariners was of more than ordinary interest, the full account forming a graphic story of a gallant rescue scene.

The West Nomentum sighted the junk four miles' East of Ooska Island light at 9 a.m. on Thursday last, the weather being extremely rough at the time. The junk was foundering, and those on board were in dire need of assistance.

Under extremely difficult conditions, a lifeboat was launched in the charge of Chief Officer Johansson and after two trips, he succeeded in bringing off 30 Chinese seafaring folk, who were taken on board and given every attention.

### RAMMED DURING NIGHT.

The tale told by the survivors was to the effect that the junk, which was trading between Foochow and Chuchow, had been rammed astern at 10 p.m. on the previous night, by a vessel which, it is believed, was Japanese, the vessel proceeding on her way without rendering assistance.

Two members of the crew were killed or drowned, the remainder of the crew clinging to the gradually sinking craft for eleven hours, until sighted by the West Nomentum.

On arrival here, the rescued seamen were taken to the Water Police Station and subsequently to the S. C. R. for repatriation to their homes, which it is understood should begin to fall. No fresh floods, however, were caused by the high tides of yesterday afternoon, this morning, or this afternoon, although the stream on all three occasions was abnormally high. Tides were watched by thousands of people on banks.

### MARINE COURT.

### JUNKMASTERS WARNED AND FINED.

At the Marine Court this morning, Commander G. F. Hole made severe comments on the risks run by junkmasters who, in disobedience of Harbour Regulations, carried dangerous goods and moored in areas other than those set apart for craft of this nature.

The occasion was the appearance before him of Chau Tam, Sit Nang and Lam Hing, masters of trading junks, who were respectively charged with carrying 1,000 tins, 1,200 tins and 1,000 tins of kerosene, and mooring in Shaukiwan Bay. All pleading guilty, his Worship admonished them drawing their attention to the fact that by their action they endangered other craft. He did not care, he added, whether they destroyed their own boats, so long as they brought no danger to other people.

As such cases were of infrequent occurrence, he would treat the offenders lightly, he said, but should they, or others, appear in future on a similar charge, the penalty would be heavier. Inspector Brown stated in reply to his Worship that the penalty was \$250 for each day of the offence.

The accused were each fined \$50 with the alternative of six weeks' imprisonment, with a promise that the next batch of offenders would be mulcted in \$100, with a commensurate alternative of imprisonment.

### 'PRESIDENT' BOAT AGROUND.

### STRANDED IN INLAND SEA.

Shanghai, Jan. 8. The s.s. President Monroe, while passing through the Inland Sea on her way to Shanghai, went aground.

Attempts to refloat her have been unsuccessful. The passengers are all safe and further attempts at refloating are being made this evening.—Reuter.

## FLOOD DISASTER.

### WORST FOR SEVEN CENTURIES.

### TATE GALLERY CALAMITY.

London, Jan. 8.

The flooding of the London riverside districts on Saturday morning was due to a combination of three factors, namely, high tide, the swollen state of the river due to floods and to a gale which had piled up tide water.

Actually the tide rose six feet one inch above the predicted height, and no record exists of such conditions having occurred before in the River Thames. The final death-roll reached fourteen nearly all the victims having been drowned in basement bedrooms.

The damage done to house property was very considerable, while the rubble building which suffered most was the Tate Gallery, where the basements stored with pictures, including portfolios containing hundreds of Turner drawings, were flooded. The injury done cannot yet be estimated.

Hundreds of families, many poor, have suffered serious loss and prompt measures were taken to organise relief. Shelter in churches, hospitals, schools, and private dwellings was immediately provided for all in need, and appeals for subscriptions to relief funds were started by London municipalities affected.

### FURTHER DANGER.

A warning was issued yesterday by Port of London Authorities that as the tides would normally be increasing until Tuesday, and as further storms are forecast and flood conditions still prevail in the Thames Valley, danger will exist until after Tuesday when tides should begin to fall. No fresh floods, however, were caused by the high tides of yesterday afternoon, this morning, or this afternoon, although the stream on all three occasions was abnormally high. Tides were watched by thousands of people on banks.

### SAND BAG BARRIERS.

Extraordinary precautions were taken by the authorities to prevent a repetition of Saturday morning's disaster. Various areas in which victims had been trapped were defended by walls of bags filled with sand and cement while one thousand extra police were drafted to these places and to others where there was reason for anxiety. Salvage work was still proceeding to-day in places where water had not drained off.

### WORST FOR SEVEN CENTURIES.

Historians state that the last Thames flood comparable with that of Saturday occurred nearly seven centuries ago in A.D. 1235. Abnormal tides surpassing any within living memory were experienced along the East Coast yesterday, and whole colonies of beach huts used in summer by holiday makers at Fremont, Walton-on-Naze, and other resorts were washed out to sea. Wharves in Rochester and Chatham and railway lines between Colchester and Great Yarmouth were damaged.—British Wireless.

### PEACE PROMOTION.

The Premier said he did not think there was any country which had shown more practically how deeply and earnestly it felt in the matter of disarmament than had Britain. He declared that the British proposals at the Geneva Naval Conference would have precluded armament competition. He did not know what would be the next practical attempt to be made, but there was nothing in the course pursued by the British Government since the war which could lead people to think that when there is anything practical to be done Great Britain will not be in the van of progress.—British Wireless.

### BRITISH STEAMERS SUSPENDED.

Wanshan, Jan. 8. The decisions arrived at by a conference of Szechuanese generals have not been made known. Wu Pei-fu was present at the conference.

The running of British steamers has been suspended owing to the fact that vessels are likely to be commandeered. There have been extensive troops movements on the upper river.—Naval Wireless.

### FALL OF CHOCHOW.

### STARVING INHABITANTS.

Peking, Jan. 7.

The Shansi General Fu Tsun-yi opened the gates of Chochoh city on Friday afternoon. Fengtien troops taking over control of the city and removing the defender General to Paotung.

The burial of many dead has begun.

Food supplies for the starving inhabitants are being taken in.—Reuter.

(A message of December 27 stated:

Negotiations are proceeding for the Shansi evacuation of Chochoh, and it is believed that the Fengtien faction will pay the Shansiites for their surrender and also pay the townsfolk for the damage done during the siege.)

### MR. COOLIDGE ANNOYED.

Washington, Jan. 7. Efforts in some quarters to glorify Sandino into a sort of Central American Garibaldi have incensed President Coolidge, who is preparing a statement setting forth the reasons for the presence of American Marines in Nicaragua and to counteract what the administration considers to be misguided newspaper comment.

Major-General Lejeune, commanding of the Marine Corps, is sailing for Nicaragua on Monday on a mission of inspection.—Reuter's American Service.

### PEACE PACT.

### FRENCH NEWSPAPER OPINION.

Paris, Jan. 8.

Writing on the subject of M. Briand's Reply to Mr. Kellogg, the Echo de Paris says that "all M. Briand's amendments are actuated by intelligible and even necessary objects."

The Petit Parisien observes that M. Briand, in suggesting that the Pact should first be signed by France and United States, adopted the only procedure which could achieve the aim quickly. Otherwise there would have been long delay in communicating the proposed formulae to the various other Powers for study and approval.—Reuter.

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## YANGTZE MOVES.

### GENERAL STRUGGLE FOR POWER.

### THE LATEST GROUPINGS.

Shanghai, Jan. 9.

While news from Nanking is sparse, merely indicating that the new Government officials are taking up office without waiting for the confirmation of their appointments by the Fourth Plenary Session of the Kuomintang Conference,—as, for example, Mr. T. V. Soong took over the Finance Ministry on Saturday—the situation in the Middle Yangtze is developing along the usual lines, military leaders manoeuvring to gain control of the wealthy trading centres.

Thus, it is understood that the late Commander of Hankow, General Hu Tsung-tu, is proceeding up river to Ichang, which has been apportioned to him by arrangement with Generals Pei Chung-hsi and Li Tsung-jen. This has forced back General Yang Sen to Wanhshan, where he recently called a conference of Szechuanese Generals to consider future policy.

The Wuhan faction's troops are advancing towards Hunan, as negotiations with General Ho Chen have broken down, the latter tending to make an alliance with Generals Wei Pei-fu and Yang Sen against Wuhan. Both these parties and Canton seem likely to oppose Marshal Chang Kai-shek if he attempts to extend his own bailiwick in Kiangsu and Chekiang, where General Ho Ying-chin is an important factor. This is exemplified by the fact that the former Fukien bandit, Chang Chun, who assisted General Ho Ying-chin in his invasion of Fukien early last year, will shortly be appointed as Defence Commissioner of Shanghai and Woosung.—Reuter.

### UPPER YANGTZE TROUBLE.

### BANDITS FIRE ON SHIPS.

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### FLOODS IN LONDON.

#### THAMES OVERFLOWS IN THE NIGHT.

#### DANGER STILL EXISTS.

London, Jan. 7. The Thames suddenly overflowed its bank in London. Eleven persons have been trapped in the basements in the low-lying districts of Lambeth, and drowned.

The river, which was in a very heavy state of spate following the great thaw, overflowed in the early hours of the morning and inundated the low-lying districts of the city. It brought a night of terror and tragedy along the north bank between Lambeth and Vauxhall bridges.

Numbers of people were trapped in the basements of houses. Eleven are so far known to have been drowned.

The embankment was flooded from Blackfriars to Westminster.

On the first rush of the waters the police hurried to warn the sleeping occupants of houses in Lambeth. Parents hastily grabbed their children and ran before the advancing flood. The majority reached safety in the streets away from the river. Others, however, were trapped by the rising waters.

#### Little Warning Given.

The waters rose with appalling suddenness.

Several policemen, giving the alarm, were swept off their feet.

The river broke the parapet in several places and scattered it. The street waters invaded the Houses of Parliament and the Tate Gallery, and washed out the watchman from the latter building.

Horses were used in the Westminster district to carry marooned people to safety. Firemen were engaged all night long pumping out water from the basements.

Restrictions of the electric railway services were caused by the partial flooding of the power house. The floods reached their height at two o'clock in the morning, after which the river began to recede.

#### A Father's Ordeal.

A most pathetic feature of the disaster was the drowning in a basement bedroom at Vauxhall of four sisters, aged 18, 15, 7 and 3. The father heard their cries for help and desperately tried for an hour to reach them, but the water was level with the top of the basement door, which he was unable to open. He was finally forced to leave them in order to extricate his wife and others from an upstairs room. One of the drowned girls was a champion swimmer.

The death roll at the end of the morning was 20, namely, 15 in the Westminster area, two in Putney, two in Hammersmith, and one in Hurlingham.—Reuter.

#### Repetition Possible.

London, Jan. 8. The Port of London Authority has issued a warning that the danger of flooding in the Thames Valley will exist till Tuesday, when the tides begin to fall, and a repetition of the night's flood is therefore possible.

Last night's tide rose over six feet above the predicted height. Notable buildings flooded were the Houses of Parliament, the Tower of London, Tate Gallery, Waterloo Hospital, St. Thomas' Hospital, Blackwall Tunnel, Chelsea Power House and Woolwich Arsenal. Thousands of pounds damage has been done at the Tate Gallery. Numerous Turner sketches have been ruined in ten feet of water.—Reuter.

#### Many Gallant Rescues.

London, Jan. 7. London riverside districts from Hammersmith to Southend were flooded in the early hours of this morning by an abnormally high tide meeting the flood waters of the river. High tide was due at 1.30 and about an hour before then the Thames began to overflow its

### GOODWILL FLIGHT.

#### LINDBERGH NOW IN COSTA RICA.

San Jose, Costa Rica, Jan. 7. Colonel Lindbergh has arrived here from Mangua, completing the sixth section of his Central American goodwill flight.—Reuters' American Service.

banks into the low lying areas in the City of Westminster, Southwark and Deptford. The tide was estimated at six feet above normal.

Water made its way over the terrace of the Houses of Parliament and the lawns surrounding the buildings through underground passages and out into Palace Yard and Parliament Square.

At Cleopatra's Needle on the Embankment the tide broke into the roadway and ran across it into Temple Gardens and other notable buildings. These included the Tate Gallery, Lots Road Power Station in Chelsea, Waterloo and Saint Thomas' Hospitals and Woolwich Arsenal, although it is believed that no great damage was done at any of these places.

#### People Asleep.

It was in the flooded streets of the thickly inhabited areas where the brunt of the disaster was felt and at least nine people lost their lives and several others are still missing. People were asleep in these streets when danger became apparent.

Policemen, with the help of volunteers, aroused the inhabitants, sometimes wading through water up to their waist to do so. Many volunteers in evening dress gave great assistance and people from the flooded streets, often draped only in night clothes and blankets, were taken in private cars to hospitals and institutions.

Policemen and others rode horses bareback through the water to take children from windows to safety.

#### Four of Family Drowned.

Casualties occurred among people sleeping in basements and in one house in Grosvenor Road four girls of one family were drowned. Firemen and engines from all over London were rushed to the scene to engage in rescue work and pump the water from the basements. The sudden rush of water in many cases filled rooms to the ceilings.

About two o'clock the waters began to subside and hundreds of families who had left their houses were able to return. They speak of many gallant acts of firemen, police and helpers including one woman who swam into a deep area, smashed a window and dragged an invalid and some children from the basement.

Early in the morning the Underground Railway services were interfered with by water but these were working normally before business hours to-day. Floods were also experienced higher up the river at Richmond, Twickenham and Kew and at Strand on the river Medway, which also overflowed its banks during the night.—British Wireless.

#### Refugees in Cathedral.

London, Jan. 8. Advantage was taken of the low tide to repair the breached Thames abutments. The entrances to all streets were barricaded by heavy clay and earth, the fortifications being consolidated by piles and sandbags. Householders stuffed up cracks in doors and windows and remained astir until the high tide had receded at three o'clock this morning. Further danger of flooding has passed temporarily.

Scores of tenements are uninhabitable and their contents ruined through yesterday's inundation. Thameside municipalities and other organisations have constituted relief committees to provide food and shelter for the crowds of refugees sleeping in two halls of Westminster Cathedral, which is built on comparatively high ground. The Cathedral was one of the few buildings in the neighbourhood to be unaffected by the floods.—Reuter.

### VALEDICTORY.

#### PRESENTATION TO MR. P. T. LAMBLE.

As a token of appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. P. T. Lamble to the Civil Service Cricket Club, a presentation was made to him on Saturday afternoon by the President of the Club, His Honour Justice Mr. J. R. Wood, the Puisne Judge.

There was a large number of members present. The nature of Mr. Lamble's services to the Civil Service Cricket Club can best be recounted in the words of Mr. J. R. Wood, who, in making the presentation, said:

"This evening Mr. Lamble has done us the honour of attending here at our request in order that we may say farewell to him on his retirement from the Colony."

It is one of the regrets attached to living in Hongkong that these constant changes occur in our intimate circles, and I think all of you will agree with me that no retirement will leave a greater mark, by way of gap in our society, than the retirement of our old friend, Mr. Lamble.

Mr. Lamble has been, not only a capable public servant but he has also been a good Club member, and particularly a good member of the Civil Service Cricket Club.

He has been identified throughout his career with the Sanitary Department. In his time he has seen, what a newcomer to the Colony would not realise—the defeat of bubonic plague in this Colony, and he himself has taken part in that campaign.

#### Trust and Co-operation.

He made a special study of malaria and so far as the town area is concerned, that has been got under. Perhaps the thing he will look back upon with greater satisfaction is that these things have been done, not by any bullying deficiency on the part of his department but by himself and his staff earning the trust and co-operation of the Chinese public.

I remember him when the Sanitary Department was quite a small affair in Beaconsfield Building. He and I worked together. Later the Sanitary Department moved to the Post Office building where he worked with Dr. Clark, who remodelled the Sanitary Department in the old days. We were both friends of Dr. Pearce, whose death occurred recently, and of Mr. Adam Gibson, and I am sure it is a great pleasure to him in retirement to remember that he has worked with the officers that I have mentioned on the Sanitary Board.

Mr. Lamble has risen in the department to the rank of chief inspector and in special recognition of his services, the Government, more recently, appointed him superintendent of staff and works, and from that position Mr. Lamble is now acting.

As a soldier, Mr. Lamble and I were soldiers together (Laughter). I was a full private and he was my corporal. (Laughter). At that time I used to hang in every word that he said. As a matter of fact, we don't boast about it, but we never saw a bullet fired in anger (Laughter). We were both members of the Reserve Company, an institution which has brought us together in a way that no other institution has done.

#### Keen Sportsman.

Now we come to the Club. Mr. Lamble was one of the founders of this Club (applause) and he has always shown himself keen in all sections of sports in this club, from cricket down to lawn bowls (Laughter). Not only so, but he is a member of the committee and he has been helpful and has often been consulted. Mr. Lamble is unique in this Club and the Club has donc itself the honour of making him a life member, and also at the same time making him a

### SHANGHAI FIGHT.

#### DETERMINED RESISTANCE BY DESPERADO.

Shanghai, Jan. 7. Yesterday afternoon, acting on a Chinese detective's information as to the whereabouts of a daring gang of kidnappers, who were holding a Chinese youth for an \$80,000 ransom, the Municipal Police surrounded and broke into a house in the Wayside district, released the captive and captured two of the gang, one of whom was wounded seriously.

A third member of the gang was chased to the roof, and eventually leaped across an eight-foot passage and took refuge in the attic. Here he opened fire on his pursuers.

He held out all night long, despite the efforts of the police, reserves, specials, the riot squad, sniping squad, and Fire Brigade, to dislodge him, by the use of numerous Mills bombs, tear gas bombs, sniping and machine-gun fire, completely wrecking the attic but failing to place the gangster hors de combat.

Several attackers had very narrow escapes from the gangster's bullets.

Finally, after midnight, searchlights and flares rendered the scene as bright as day, while pickets watched till eight o'clock this morning, when five picked foreign police rushed the staircase and gained the attic.

The gangster fired his last shot, wounding Inspector Watson in the leg, and then collapsed, his corpse riddled with fifteen wounds. Reuter.

Vice President. His name will therefore remain on our records after he has left the Colony.

Mr. Lamble tells me that he intends to retire to Japan. Japan is not far away. He will no doubt there study the philosophy of the country. Should he at any time have a recollection of this place and decide to come back, there will be a warm welcome for him (Hear, hear).

Mr. Lamble, it is my duty and pleasure to ask you to accept from us the gifts you see on this table, this clock, a case of pipes and a cheque, in the hope that they will keep us in your memory and when you see them that you will remember how we were assembled here to wish you many years of good rest, good health and good cheer! (Applause).

In a few well-chosen words, Mr. Lamble replied, referring to the mark of distinction conferred on him by the Club, by making him a life member, and adding that the gifts would remind him of the happy times he had spent in Hongkong. He concluded with the words: "From the bottom of my heart, I thank you."

Mr. Lamble's remarks were followed by the singing of "For he's a jolly good fellow," after which members took the opportunity of individually saying "goodbye."

#### Messenger Retires.

After having been in the employ of the Hongkong Government for 28 years, Im Mi, the head messenger at the Supreme Court, has retired on pension, at the age of 71. There was a large farewell gathering in the chambers of the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan, on Saturday, when those present included the Puisne Judge, (Mr. J. R. Wood); Mr. H. A. Nisbet (the Registrar) and Mr. C. D. Melbourne.

Sir Henry Gollan, whose remarks were interpreted by the Chief Interpreter, Mr. Dodd, in wishing Im Mi many years of enjoyment in the country with his family, spoke of his fine record of service. Those present then shook hands with him.

Im Mi was presented with a substantial cheque as a gift from members of the Law Society, and a presentation was also made on behalf of the Judges, Registrars, officers and staff of the court.

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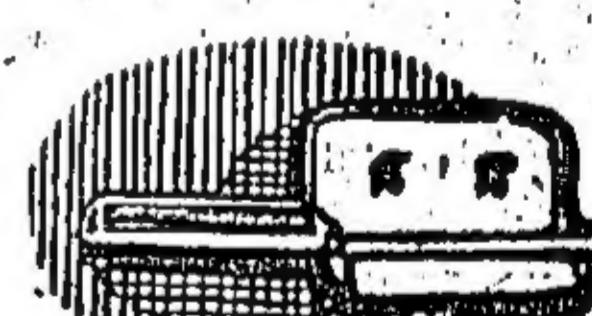
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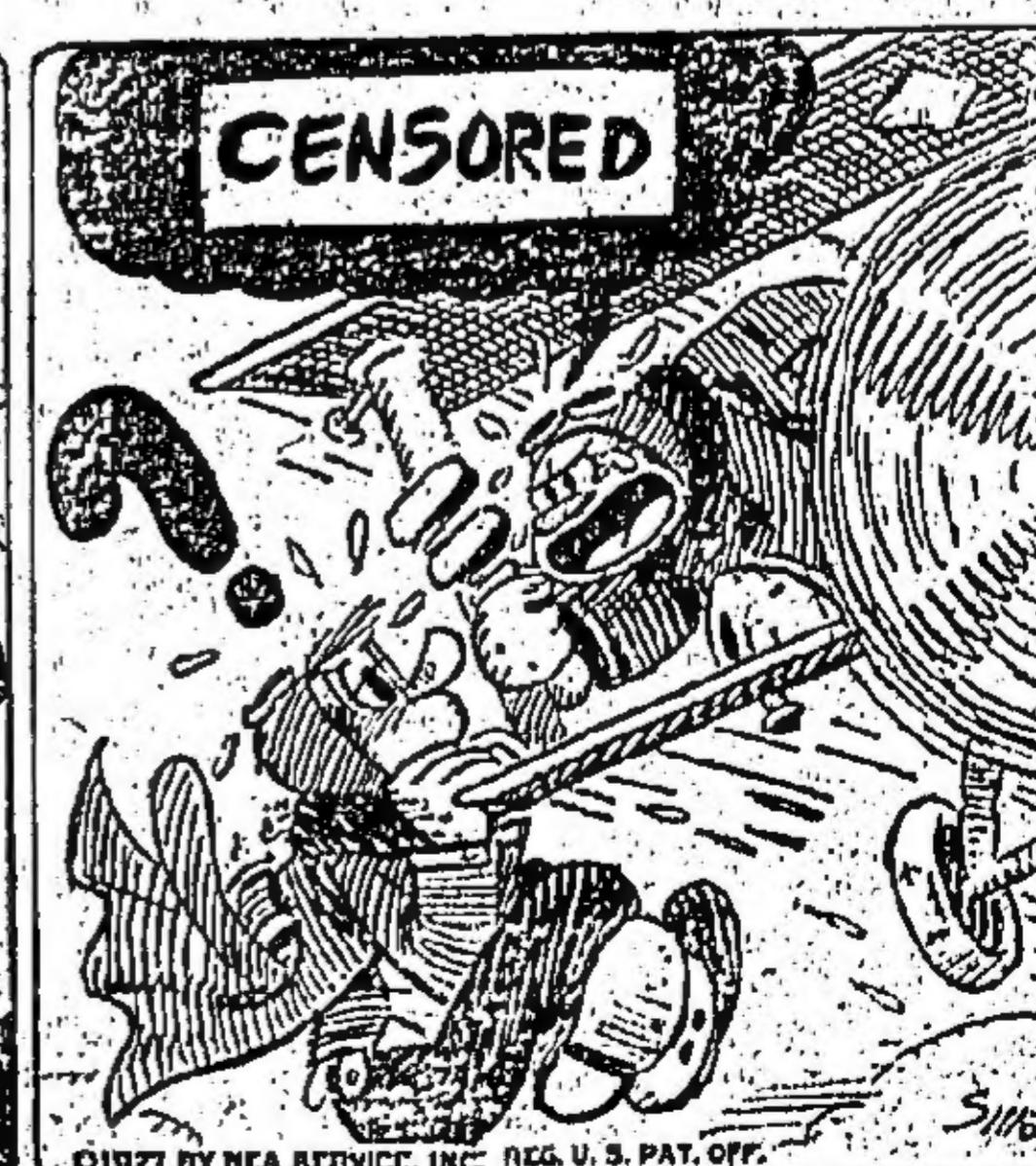
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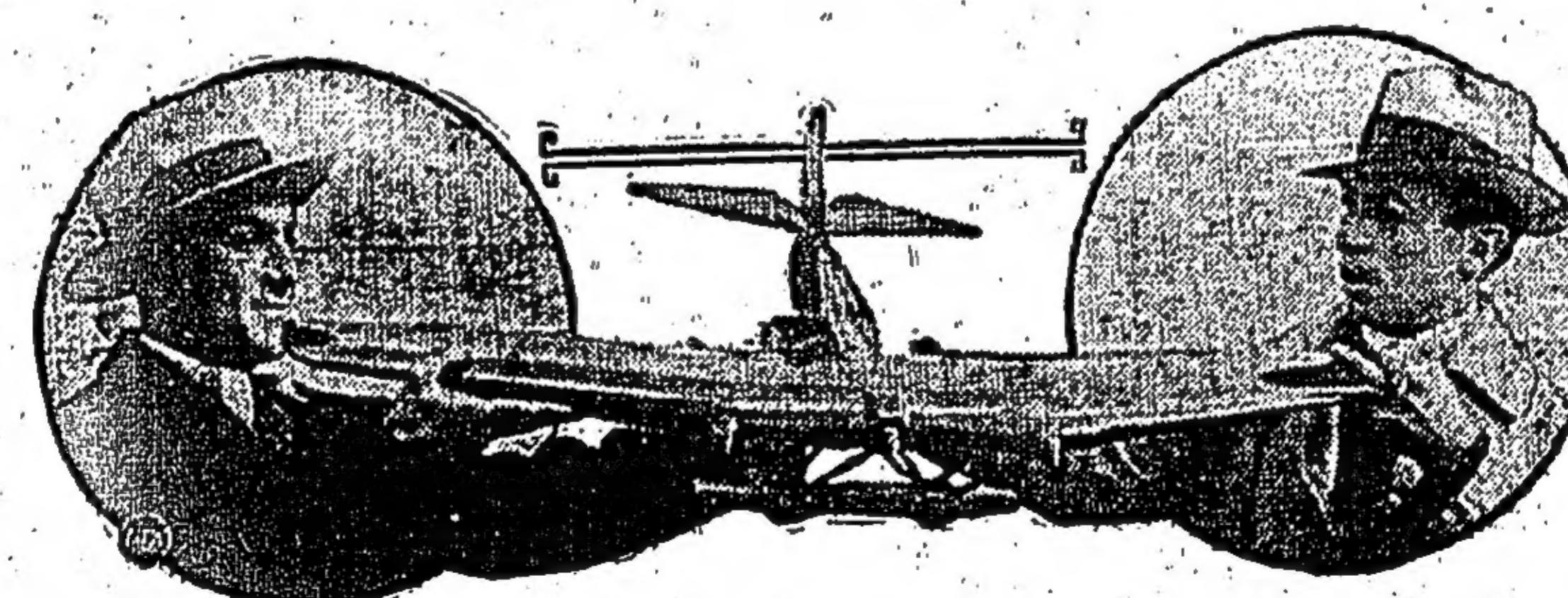
A new record in speed was written when Princess Xenia of Greece and her young husband, William B. Leeds, tried out their torpedo speedboat, "Pan Tail" on Long Island Sound. With 28 persons on board, the unique 38-foot vessel did 63 miles an hour. The upper photo shows the boat cutting the water, below, left to right, are Leeds, Johannes Plum, and the Princess. Plum designed the vessel, from the stern of which a fish-like tail projects.



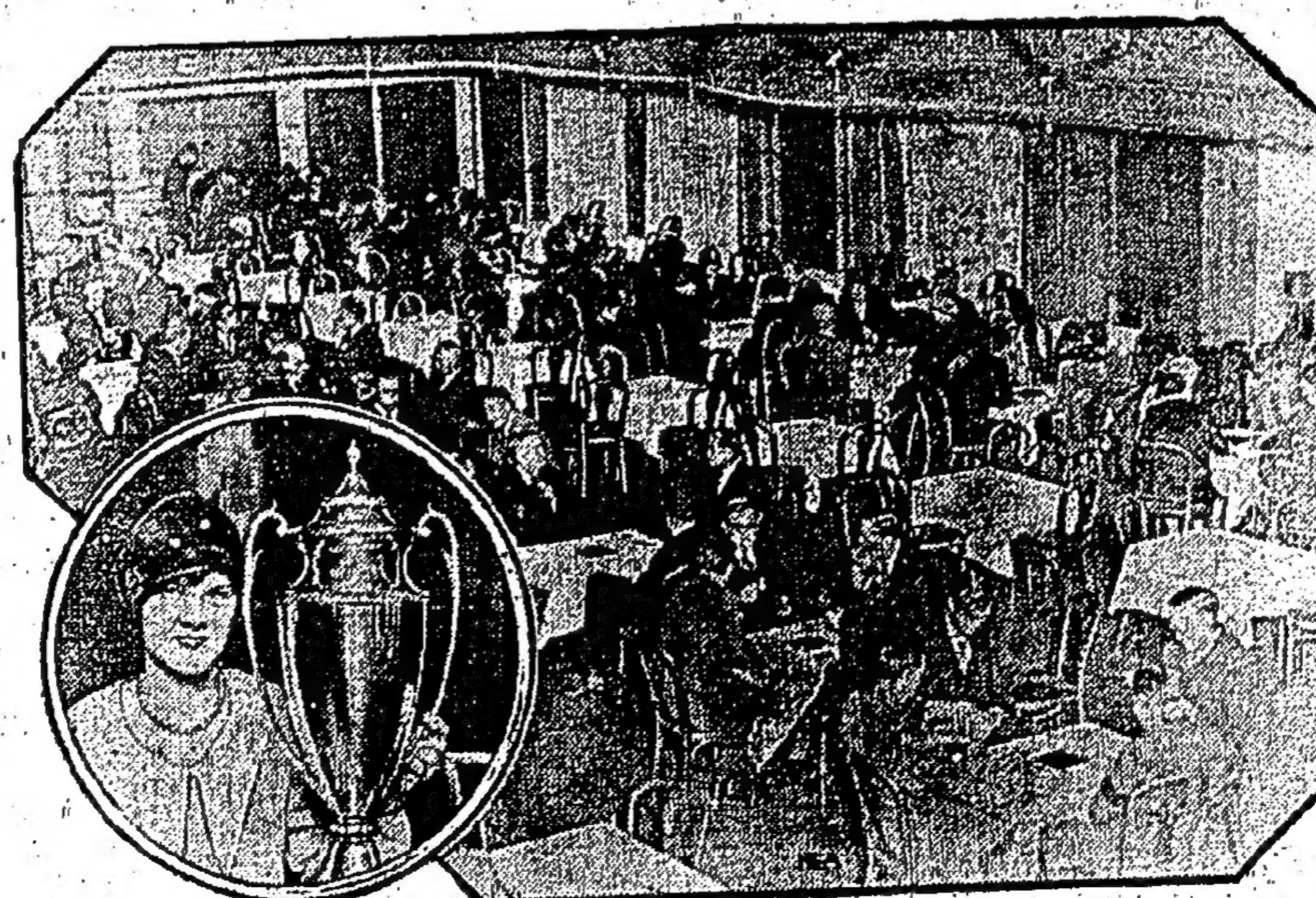
The rousing finish in the first race of the winter racing season at Jefferson Park, New Orleans, is pictured here. Smiling Betty, ridden by M. Meyer, won the Inaugural handicap, paying 18 to 1.



Released from Atlanta penitentiary after serving a year's sentence on conviction for fraud, now deported to Jamaica, Marcus Garvey, self-styled President General of Africa, is shown above as he was leaving United States shores at New Orleans. A throng of Garvey's admirers gathered in the rain to hear his farewell speech. Garvey headed the Universal Negro Improvement Association, and his dream was an African Utopia.



Upon their return from Europe, Alexander Kartveloff (left), and John Carisi, technicians associated with Charles A. Levine, first trans-Atlantic air passenger, displayed a model of the great passenger seaplane Levine hopes to put into United States European service next year. It will accommodate fifty air voyagers, carry 4500 gallons of fuel and be powered by seven motors, any three of which will supply the requisite flying power.



The opening of the tournament of the American Auction Bridge League in Chicago is pictured above. Miss Olga Miller, registrar, is shown with one of the prize cups, a trophy offered by the Cleveland Whist Club. Silence prevails while the games are in progress. No murmur because of trumping of partners' aces were reported.

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**"CHEATING CHEATERS"**

LIGHT COMEDY AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

As a light comedy, "Cheating Cheaters," which is the attraction at the Queen's Theatre to-day, could hardly be more amusing than it has been made by the director, Max Marcin, the author, in its composition, introduced many touches of humour and mystery and the film has been made with all the salient features of the writer.

Two sets of criminals, each labouring under the mistaken impression that the other is an honest organisation, provide all the humour for the film and they provide it well. At the head of one set is Betty Compson, who makes an able leader. She and her gang become involved in many adventures with the "opposition" and a series of exciting and amusing incidents follow.

Besides "Cheating Cheaters" there is also a Metro comedy, "Putting Pants on Phillip," a Felix Cartoon and a topical gazette.

**"GLOBE TROTTERS."****FIRST REVUE TO-MORROW NIGHT.**

To-morrow night at 9.15 Mr. Dick Norton's revue company of eleven artistes opens its Kowloon season at the Star Theatre with "Happy Moments," an entertaining revue consisting of songs, dances and sketches that are all new to the Colony. "Happy Moments" will be repeated on Wednesday and will be followed by "Scenes and Screams" on Thursday and Friday, "Pleasureland" on Saturday and Sunday and "Incidents" on Monday and Tuesday.

Booking is at Messrs. Moutres and the Star Theatre at the popular admission prices of \$3, \$2 and \$1.

**JAPANESE TRADE.****LAST YEAR'S IMPORTS AND EXPORTS.**

Tokyo, Jan. 7.—The Finance Ministry has published the trade figures for last year, showing exports valued at 1,992,000,000 yen and imports 2,177,000,000 yen.

Compared with the previous year the exports decreased by 52,000,000 yen and the imports decreased by 198,000,000 yen.

The adverse balance decreased by 146,000,000.—*Reuter.*

**V.C. AS GOVERNOR.**

HON. A. HORE RUTHVEN FOR SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

London, Jan. 7.—H.M. the King has approved the appointment of Colonel the Hon. Alexander Hore-Ruthven, V.C., to be Governor of South Australia in succession to Lieutenant-General Sir Tom Bridges.—*British Wireless.*

**MORE RUSSIAN GOLD.****SOVIET UNION TO AID BRITISH MINERS.**

Riga, Jan. 7.—A message from Moscow states that the Russian unions have acceded to the request of the British Miners' Union to lend the latter £50,000 without interest, to pay the debts incurred during the big strike.—*Reuter.*

Moscow, Jan. 7.—The Government commission has decided to enforce a seven-hour-day in fifteen big textile enterprises, thereby absorbing 17,000 more workmen.—*Reuter.*

# WOMAN'S WORLD

## FOR OUR LADY READERS.

**Work for Scientists.****SAVING THE MIDDLE-AGED.**

It has often been asked by tired-out workers whose strongest desire for the future is to be able to rest, what is to be gained by attempting to discover the means of prolonging life far beyond the usual span of years.

They picture to themselves a lengthened time of feebleness and

**Be-laced.****FIRST REVUE TO-MORROW NIGHT.**

This art of Ruth Draper was born in the Chelsea studio of her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Draper, before the war. Mr. Draper has since died.

The Draper studio was in Edith-grove, and became a rendezvous for musicians. Such music has rarely been heard in London in a private house.

Mrs. Draper was a superb hostess. Caudis, Rubinstein, Thibaud, Sammons, Goossens, Hambourg, all played there.

**Winter Lingerie.****OF DAINTY FABRICS.**

A couple of decades ago, at this season of the year, women got out their long-legged and long-sleeved woollens and folded up their dainties till May violets bloomed again.

True, there is some woolen underwear on the market to-day which might almost be called "dainties"—fine, lightweight, so soft that a suit almost fits into the palm of the hand.

**Outstanding Features.**

But, for the most part, when wintry winds blow this year, women will slip into georgettes, nimon, crepe de chine and washable satin, not to mention lace!

The outstanding feature of this season's modes is the lace, intricate tucking, encrustations, and handwork of the most elaborate type.

Next comes the lines. For undies have graduated to the importance of having silhouettes, neck-lines, irregular hemlines, belts and most of the other seasonal chic touches.

The favourite undies for the winter are a new variety of teddies. The newest teddies of all are those that have elaborate backs and tucked side flares, whether the front be plain or decorated.

**Concentrate On Back.**

This tendency to reverse the old adage of "put your best foot forward" and concentrate on the back is prevalent in all the best lingerie.

One such nightgown is shown to-day. "Trousseau," it is called, of peach georgette, with an elaborate Duchesse lace yoke in the back, a panel black waist portion and belt of lace. Most novel of all, this gown has the swaying hemline that follows the newest "down-in-the-back" dip. The front is fairly short—as many gowns are, some of them just below the knees. And the front has only a modest lace yoke for trimming.

Another of the latest gowns is shown to-day—"Debutante," one with a high neck. This gown, of rich cafe-au-lait nimon, has exquisite matching Alencon lace for its vestee front and the little collar that stands up in the back and flares in the front. Curiously this little collar has a bit of fine silk wiring to hold its points out.

Other gowns have frills, puffed sleeves, side drapes and one, very chic, is a regular cog-dress type of black satin, with the diagonal closing outlined with coral beads. Another black crepe de chine has a pleated insert, from the waist-line in front, of maize georgette, bordered in pale green and rose, which colours also bind the round neck and armholes. One rich crepe de chine has long sleeves.

**What Versatility!** Teddies achieve such versatility that there is everything from the cob-webby type with white georgette top, headed by black shadow lace, with inserts of the black lace, flaring the short skirt, to the practical but ever dainty hand-tailored blain set of beige crepe de chine.

One noticeably dainty intimate

is of apricot Alencon lace entirely—with a fitted cut like an abbreviated Princess evening gown of graceful lace. Diamanté shoulder straps complete its charm. Another is a beaded white lace.

Beautifully graceful is another white teddy, one of a bridal set. Exquisite gleaming French crepe de chine, this bit of femininity has real lace in all its beauties creaminess loop itself down.

Sets this season include gowns,

teddies and slips; old-fashioned short skirts and panties and gowns, slips and panties.

**A Clever Artist.****RUTH DRAPER'S RETURN.**

Ruth Draper's character sketch will again be seen at the Criterion Theatre for matinees only. This remarkable entertainment has become in London as certain a draw as a Kreisler or Melba's recital.

It is amazing the way this slim little artist can hold up an audience for hours by her self-written monologues. She is neither scenery nor costumes.

Occasionally she will employ a scarf or a handkerchief as a "property."

**A Musical Salon.**

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**Very Dainty.**

An exquisite cafe-au-lait nimon nightie, its high collar wired for stiffness.

**KOWLOON SPORTS.****ENJOYABLE CHILDREN'S FUNCTION AT K.C.C.**

Postponed from Monday, the annual children's sports organised by the Kowloon Cricket Club passed off successfully on Saturday. It was a cold afternoon, but there was a cheerful spirit prevailing and the enthusiasm with which both the kiddies and the grown-ups participated in the proceedings was particularly gratifying to those who had worked hard for weeks in making the necessary arrangements for the meeting. This was the twenty-second annual meeting, a record of which K.C.C. can justifiably feel proud.

During the afternoon tea was provided both for children and adults, a large number of ladies willingly assisting in serving at the tables.

The proceedings were enlivened by the presence of the band of the 5th Batt. 2nd Punjab Regiment, who discussed an excellent programme of lively music.

Mr. L. E. Lammert, the sports master, and all who had a share in organising the event, are to be congratulated upon the unqualified success of the meeting. Thanks are particularly due to Mr. F. J. Jenner, of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company, who was a most enthusiastic and valuable worker in arranging the grounds, and carrying out the decorations.

**Lady Clementi's Absence.**

At the conclusion of the sports the prizes were distributed by Mrs. Lindsell, the wife of the President of the Club. She was briefly introduced by Mr. Ezra Abraham, the Vice-President.

Having performed this pleasant little function, Mrs. Lindsell was the recipient of beautiful bouquet, tied with the Club's colours, in a silver holder, handed her by little Miss Lammert.

Mr. Lindsell, in the course of a short speech, said that on behalf of his wife he wished to express his pleasure and appreciation at the honour of being asked to distribute the prizes. He also wished to convey most grateful thanks for the beautiful bouquet and holder they had presented to her. He was sure, at the same time, he was voicing the sentiments of them all when he said how sorry he was that Lady Clementi had been prevented from being with them owing to a severe illness, from which they all wished her a speedy recovery.

**"The More We Are Together."**

Speaking as President of the Club, Mr. Lindsell took the opportunity of welcoming all who had attended. The weather had not turned out quite as kindly as they had hoped. After last Monday's rain, they rather expected a little sun, but it was not to be. However, despite this handicap, they could congratulate themselves upon a very successful twenty-second birthday party. (Applause). Their hearty thanks were due mainly to Mr. Lammert and his willing band of workers, and also to the generous contributors to the sport fund, whether members or non-members. Finally, he wished to thank all for turning up in such large numbers and for bringing their children with them. He wished to emphasise the fact that this was not a Kowloon children's party, but a party for all the children of the Colony—and the more we are together, the happier we will be.

He hoped that all the boys and girls had enjoyed themselves and would turn up again next year and bring their friends with them. (Applause).

Three cheers having been accorded Mrs. Lindsell, the proceedings terminated with the playing of verse of the National Anthem by the Band.

The prize-winners were as follows:

**Boys' Events.**

Potato Race—Scratch (ages 10 to 12): 1, Gerald Abraham; 2, George Lee; 3, Frank Stokes.

Boot Race—Scratch (ages 10 to 12): 1, A. Smith and A. Harries; 2, A. Kelly and Douglas Dixon; 3, Norman Broadbridge and Jack McAlpin.

Obstacle Race—Handicap (ages 10 to 14): 1, Harold Brown; 2, Joseph Pereira; 3, M. Bach.

Relay Race—Scratch (ages 10 to 14): 1, A. Smith and A. Harries; 2, A. Kelly and Douglas Dixon; 3, Norman Broadbridge and Jack McAlpin.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 10) up to 14): 1, Eric McNider; 2, Arthur Abbing; 3, Terence Hutchings.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 4 and under): 1, Clarence Hutchings; 2, Albert Odell; 3, Robin Donald Hall.

Wheelbarrow Race—Scratch (ages 6 to 10): 1, A. Smith and A. Harries; 2, A. Kelly and Douglas Dixon; 3, Norman Broadbridge and Jack McAlpin.

Consolation Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 10): 1, Eric McNider; 2, Arthur Abbing; 3, Terence Hutchings.

Girls' Events.

Skipping Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 10): 1, Phyllis Gittins; 2, Pamela Rundell; 3, Iris Frith.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 4 and under): 1, Mario Clark; 2, Barbara Walker; 3, Dorothy Raven.

Flat Race—Handicap (ages 4 and under): 1, Helen Ingram; 2, Beryl Holland; 3, Joyce Crapnell.

Relay Race—Scratch—for teams of four (ages 9 to 14): 1, Iris Frith, Iris Woolley, Veronica Allan and Florence Ho Tung.

Consolation Race—Handicap (ages 6 to 10): 1, Clecy Roylance; 2, Marlene Smith; 3, Ruth Ingram.

Skipping Competition (ages under 10): 1, Margaret Dixon; 2, Dorothy Faulkner; 3, Mary Lay.

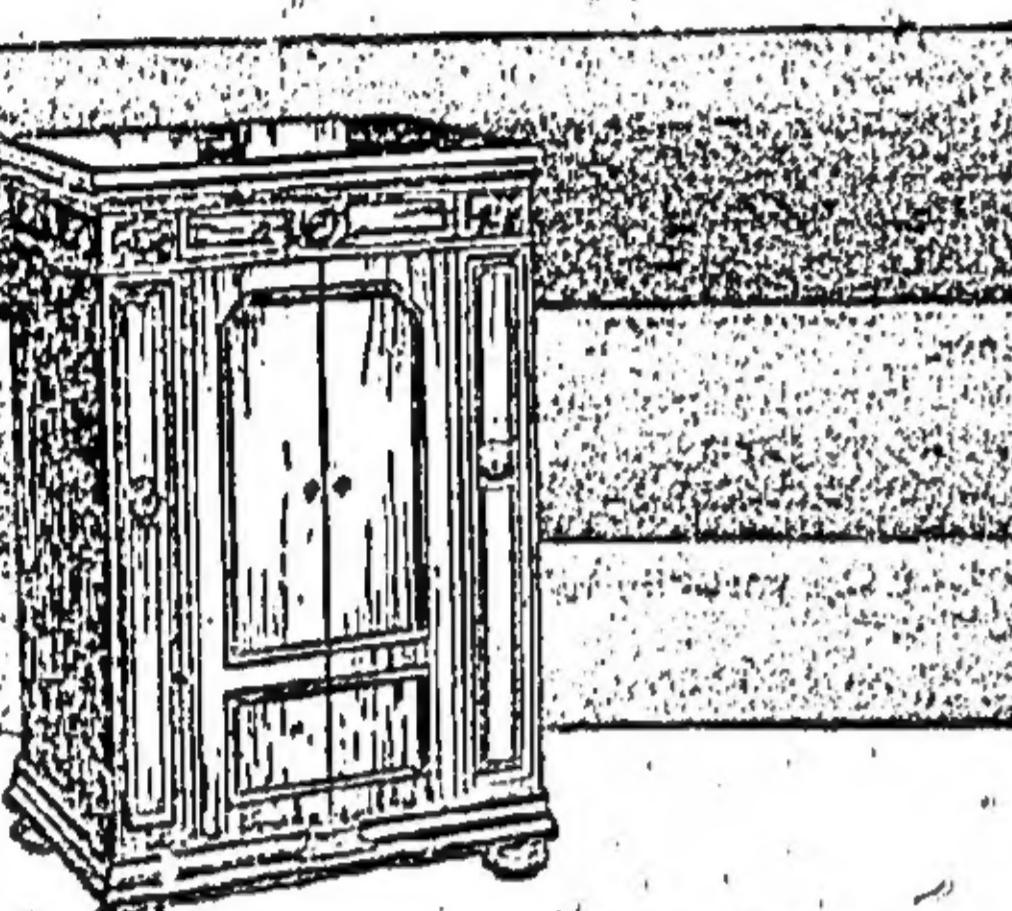
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### THE NEW SEAMEN'S UNION.

In common with many others, we are gratified to observe that a new Seamen's Union, the object of which is to protect the rights of Chinese seafarers, is to be formed locally. As stated at Friday's meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, the new Union is to be a purely protective organisation for the workers, and its main object is to prevent the latter from being victimised by unscrupulous people. The sanction of the Government to establish the Union has already been secured, and if Chinese seafarers can be induced to join the new organisation in any considerable number, it should have a career of the utmost usefulness. Seeing that the movement is receiving the sympathetic support of the Chamber and of the Tung Wah Hospital authorities, there is every reason why, in course of time, it should develop along lines promising widespread benefits to those in whose interest it is being created.

Everybody knows that the old Seamen's Union which was proscribed by the Government some time ago was prostituted by its officials until it became an organisation chiefly concerned with the promotion of subversive ideas. Pretending to exist for the purpose of safeguarding the rights and interests of its members, it got into the control of unscrupulous mischievous who sought to use it as a political instrument. The putting forward of absurd demands and the encouragement of unreasonable strikes were its main activities, and, under the cloak of helping its members, the Union's officials were in reality doing them the utmost disservice. By declaring the Union an illegal society, the Government not only saved over-trustful scammers from being further used as the tools of these professional agitators, but it also did an act of public service. In these days of Trade, Union rights, however, it would be utterly unreasonable to deny Chinese seafarers the privilege of association, and thus we find the Government quite willing that these seafarers should have their own Union, provided it is run on due and proper lines, not with the object of intimidation and extortion, but in the rightful interests of a body of men who are of the utmost value to the world of shipping. Hence the facilities which the Government is granting for the establishment of this new Union.

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few years has been, in the main, a record of distortion of real trade unionism for the purpose of benefiting paid officials rather than the workers. Apart from the illegal activities of so many of these Unions, there have been instances almost without number in which dishonest officials have absconded with funds contributed from the hard earned wages of the workers who were under the impression that in paying these monies they were assuring themselves of future benefits. With these facts in mind, it is satisfactory to note that the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the Tung Wah Hospital authorities, are to look for the funds of the new Seamen's Union, and that for this purpose two members from each institution—respectable members of the community, with knowledge of local shipping conditions—are to be appointed. This end of the business will therefore be in safe hands, and if adequate steps are taken to secure a representative membership for the Union, the movement should meet with every success. Much will depend on this latter aspect of the question, and we trust that the sponsors of the movement will put forth every endeavour to attract the men in whose interests the new Union is being brought into being.

### Opera At Home.

We have been sorry to learn, from the latest Home newspapers, that Sir Thomas Beecham's scheme for running opera with the help of opera lovers is hanging fire. If it fails there will be no escape from the conclusion, says a Home writer, that there is no public in this country for fine opera—a paradoxical conclusion, for nearly always when Sir Thomas Beecham or the British National Opera Company give performances they are crammed to the doors. It is incredible that there are not 150,000 people willing to subscribe twopence a week for five years to ensure opera seasons in the great cities, under a man who has shown his own enthusiasm for the cause by spending a fortune upon it, and who is a great musician. The truth seems to be that people are so accustomed to receiving music as a gift from above, mysteriously provided, that they are slow to believe that this invitation to subscribe their pennies is now the only hope of the continuation of opera at all. It is now known that the B.N.O.C. will be forced to go out of business in the spring. Grand opera in England does not pay, and is not possible without subsidy in some form. It is necessary in organizing opera to engage singers and orchestra at least two years ahead. The slow response to the appeal is probably due to nothing but laziness and inertia, but it is to be hoped, for the credit of England, that this last chance of establishing opera will not be lost. Sir Thomas Beecham is nothing if not an enthusiast and it is devoutly to be hoped that his great personality will carry through this scheme to a successful termination.

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A week's remand was granted by

Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning in a

case in which two Chinese were

charged with uttering forged tickets

of the Hongkong, Canton and

Macao Steamboat Company. Mr.

F. E. Nash prosecuted on behalf of

Mr. Woo Hay-tong, and Mr.

Horace Lo defended one of the men.

The unrepresented defendant said

he picked up the tickets from a

waste paper basket in the company's

office and handed them to the other

defendant.

In making this application, Mr.

D'Almada said that during the

time Remedios had been out, he

had given every possible assistance

to the Gas Company and it was

only on the instruction of Mr. T.

H. King, D.C.L, that he (Mr.

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### DAY BY DAY.

THERE IS NOT A VICE WHICH MORE EFFECTUALLY CONTRACTS AND DEADENS THE FEELINGS THAN THE DESIRE OF ACCUMULATING POSSESSIONS.—Mant.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony over the week-end.

The P. and O. s.s. *Mutant*, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on 6th January at 7 a.m.

The P. and O. s.s. *Kalyan* is due here from Shanghai to-morrow morning at six o'clock.

The annual ball of the Taikoo Club will be held on Friday, January 20, at the Taikoo Club Hall.

There will be a Lecture at the Helena May on Monday, 16th January, at 5.30 p.m. The subject is Fra Angelico—by Father Finn S. J.—Advt.

A tin box containing \$2,850 in notes disappeared from 32, Tung Street during the week end. At the same time another \$100 in small money was missed.

The Fire Brigade received several calls over the week end, the outbreaks being chimney fires and heaps of rubbish. In no cases were the appliances necessary.

A mongst the passengers who left by the P. and O. s.s. *Morea* on Saturday were Capt. and Mrs. E. W. Morris, Lady Victoria Fielding, Mr. W. G. Champkin and Mr. R. M. Smith.

We have received from a "Lady Sympathiser" the sum of \$50 to be forwarded to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, as a contribution towards the cost of a new Dogs' Home.

Forthcoming weddings announced include that of Mr. G. H. White, engineer draughtsman, 3 Tantallon Terrace, Kowloon Dock, to Miss G. L. Woolley, Vacuum Oil, 565, Nathan Road, Kowloon.

A Chinese carpenter suddenly went insane on Saturday night and cut himself with a sharp knife inflicting no less than seventeen wounds. He was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital.

The Fatshan of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, was docked at Kowloon this morning for overhaul and refit. Her place on the run has been taken by the *Lungshan* whose refit has just been completed.

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Parents and friends of students of the Kai Lap School gathered in large numbers at the Grand Theatre, Wan Chai, yesterday, when the Right Rev. Bishop H. Vultorta distributed the prizes won by students of the school during the past year.

Fire broke out on Saturday morning among some rattan stores on the front verandah of a house in Wuhi Street. A prompt call was put through to the Kowloon Fire Brigade, and the speedy arrival of the engines saved the building.

By means of the well-known bank-note trick, two Chinese managed to obtain money and jewellery valued at \$33 from an amah, employed at No. 587 Shanghai Street, yesterday. The parcel which was handed her by the two men, for which she gave such valuable securities, proved to be two old Chinese novels wrapped up in a handkerchief.

A week's remand was granted by Major Wilson at the Central Magistracy on Saturday morning in a case in which two Chinese were charged with uttering forged tickets of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company. Mr.

F. E. Nash prosecuted on behalf of Mr. Woo Hay-tong, and Mr. Horace Lo defended one of the men.

The unrepresented defendant said he picked up the tickets from a waste paper basket in the company's office and handed them to the other defendant.

In making this application, Mr. D'Almada said that during the time Remedios had been out, he had given every possible assistance to the Gas Company and it was only on the instruction of Mr. T. H. King, D.C.L, that he (Mr. D'Almada) made this further application.

Mr. Lindsell.—I am prepared to remand the case to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, but I am not going to grant any further remand after that. All as before.

The history of Chinese labour unions in Hongkong during the past

### ALTERED BANKNOTES.

FROM \$10 TO \$100.

Two \$10 notes of the Mercantile Bank of India, with the figures altered to indicate that the notes were of the denomination of \$100, formed the subject of two charges preferred against a Chinese before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning. The man was charged with uttering the said notes at two different shops last Thursday and Saturday respectively.

Two other Chinese were charged in conjunction with the first man in respect of the second count.

Sergeant Brittain, prosecuting, said that on Thursday last, the first defendant went to a shop at No. 665, Shanghai Street, and purchased goods to the value of about \$9. He tendered one of the notes in payment of his purchases. The note was subsequently handed to the shop master's brother, No. 203, Laichikok Road, who was later informed that it was a forgery.

On Saturday, the same man, together with the second and third defendants, bought several articles from No. 203, Laichikok Road, and gave the note mentioned in the second charge. The master, recognising the similarity of the note with that tendered at his brother's shop two days previously, had the men detained.

His Worship, on examining the notes, remarked that their face values were for \$100, whereas in the charges the notes were referred to as \$10 notes.

Sergeant Brittain replied that the notes were of \$10 denomination but had been altered to represent notes of \$100 each.

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## WAGES DISPUTE IN COURT.

MAURITIAN WOMAN IN TEARS.

## FRENCH LADY DEFENDENT.

There was an embarrassing scene at the Central Police Court this morning, when a Mauritian woman, in proceeding with a claim for wages against her French employer, broke down and wept copiously.

She said that she had been employed for three years with a resident connected with Messrs. A. S. Watson and Company, before entering the service of Madame Vesser as a seamstress at \$20 a month. She alleged that she was dismissed and had only received \$6.

For the defendant, Mr. D. S. Strellett said that although an attempt had been made to settle the case "outside," it was preferable that a decision should be received from the Court, after such evidence had been given as would clear up a misunderstanding which might give rise to an accusation of harsh treatment.

## Missing Articles.

Cross-examining the complainant, who gave her name as Beatriz Gervais, a native of Mauritius, Mr. Strellett asked if it was not a fact that the remuneration agreed on was \$15, with food, although this might be valued at only \$5, found for her, in addition to sleeping quarters. He then pointed to the hat which witness was wearing, and asked if it was not the same one which Madame Vesser had missed from a room, but which was now found without a ribbon or leather lining.

Similar questions were also asked in regard to an embroidered tea-cloth, four summer dresses and four silk scarves, the loss of which was discovered only after an inventory had been taken by Madame of her personal possessions. To these, witness replied that the hat and the silk dress which she was wearing, were given her by Madame, while the other things were found in the amah's room, where they had been taken to be washed.

Mr. Strellett pointed out that Madame Vesser would not have any need for these summer dresses at this time of the year. They were stowed away, the hat being in a box left in the attic. It was only after these dresses were missed and questions were asked, that the complainant took them back, saying she had found the dresses in the amah's room.

## In Tears.

Between putting in categorical denials of these accusations, witness burst into tears and bemoaned the fact that her husband was dead and she had two young children to bring up.

Madame Celine Vesser deposed that the complainant had been in her employ for nineteen days before the present incident occurred. With regard to the things enumerated as being missing, she had previously forbidden any of her servants to touch her personal belongings.

"It was during her absence that some of the missing clothing was restored." She had not given the hat in question to the complainant, and now she found it with the ribbon and leather lining off. One of the silk dresses also had been altered, being now without its trimmings.

Mr. Strellett submitted that the woman left of her own accord, or alternatively, that even if she were dismissed there was sufficient justification for it in the conduct of the servant. In the latter case, they were not even bound to pay any wages for any period, according to the authorities which he proposed to cite.

Complainant said she was dismissed, and had therupon knelt before Madame and pleaded to be taken back as she had two children to support. Monsieur, on the contrary, was very good. She recalled having sewn on his buttons, and done other little services which she now contrasted with the action of withholding her wages.

## Leniency Desired.

Mr. Strellett stated that the complainant left after the missing things were discovered, and when she did return, it was in company with a policeman. It was the desire of the employer to deal leniently with her owing to her children. There would have been justification for taking other proceedings against her.

The Magistrate (Major C. Wilson) said he was going to make an order that the complainant be paid her wages for the 19 days at the rate of \$15 a month. From this sum of \$5 already advanced, would have to be deducted, leaving her with a balance of \$3.50.

Mr. Strellett said he was instructed before the case came to Court to give the woman a round \$5.

On being handed the money, the woman was loud in her praise of

## KING OF AFGHANISTAN IN ROME.

## ESCORTING AEROPLANES COLLIDE.

## CORDIALLY WELCOMED.

## ACTION FOR \$1,000 DAMAGES.

## LOSS ON GOODS WHICH DID NOT ARRIVE.

## MISTAKE IN CONTRACT.

Rome, Jan. 8.

After a fortnight's visit to Egypt where he expressed a wish to conclude the Anglo-Egyptian Treaty of friendship, King Amanullah of Afghanistan, who is engaged on a European tour, arrived at Naples to-day.

King Amanullah was ceremoniously welcomed after which he proceeded to Rome passing through streets festooned and festooned and thronged by enthusiastic crowds to the Palace where he was greeted by the King and Queen of Italy, Signor Mussolini, and the British Ambassador.

At a banquet given in honour of the visitor this evening, King Victor cordially toasted the royal guest, recalling in the course of a brief speech that Italy was the first European nation to recognise Afghan independence. He was convinced that the traditionally friendly Italo-Afghan relations would tighten in the future.

## Air Tragedy.

The journey from Naples was marred by a tragedy and incidentally a remarkable escape. Two aeroplanes escorting the train were carrying out evolutions, stunting over the capital when they collided in mid-air.

One of the planes crashed, the pilot being killed instantly, but the other was able to continue its flight.—Reuters.

## LEARNING TO DRIVE.

## MOTOR CAR TOUT FINED.

A fine of \$25, or, in default, three weeks' hard labour, was the sentence imposed by Mr. R. E. Lindell on a Chinese motor car tout, who was caught learning to drive a motor car on Hill Road in the early hours of this morning.

Giving evidence, Sergeant Clark, of the Traffic Department, said he was on motor cycle patrol duty in Hill Road at 4.30 this morning when he observed motor car No. 430 proceeding up the hill. On seeing the sergeant, the person in charge of the wheel, attempted to swing the car round and evade the officer, saying she had found the dresses in the amah's room.

Owing to the narrowness of the road, this was not possible and the sergeant drove up to the car, when he observed two men leaving the machine from the left side. The defendant was the second of the two to leave and since the car had a right-hand drive the sergeant explained to the Magistrate that the defendant must have been on the driver's seat.

After the two had left the car, they ran in different directions, but the sergeant managed to arrest defendant on a night-soil boat.

The defendant totally denied the story told by the sergeant and said that he had not been driving car No. 430, explaining that he was employed on car 201. His story was disbelieved.

## ARMS SEIZURE.

## OVER 14,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION.

A rather large seizure of Mauser ammunition was made on board a sampan lying off Laichikok on Saturday, a passenger, who was on board at the time, being taken into custody on a charge of unlawful possession.

The man appeared before Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of being in unlawful possession of 14,160 rounds of ammunition.

Inspector Fallon applied for a writ of habeas corpus, intimating that the prosecution opposed bail.

The defendant was formally remanded for one week, bail being refused.

The Police report of the seizure states that, as a result of information received, the police visited a spot near the Torpedo Anchorage, Laichikok, last night, and there saw men unloading parcels from a sampan. The police rushed the men, but the latter managed to elude them and pushed off in their sampan. The parcels were seized by the police and later found to contain 14,160 rounds of rifle ammunition. An arrest was made.

Replies to Mr. McCallum, plaintiff said he knew there was a mill turning out "Blue Lamp" white cloth in pieces of 78 yards. The contract was put through by a broker. The price charged at the time was reasonable. He admitted receiving a letter from the defendant firm saying that an error had been made and asking for their indulgence. Plaintiff contended that had the price gone down instead of up, the defendants would have forced him to complete the contract. He did not know at the time that the goods could not be delivered.

## A Contract Query.

His Lordship remarked that the contract bore the letters E. & O.E., saying that if effect were given to the letters, then it would not be a contract.

Mr. Russ contended that the effect of those letters would not enable the contract to be broken.

His Worship refused to make any order in regard to the hat.

This evidence of generosity "Monsieur is good, has always been good," she exclaimed.

His Worship refused to make any order in regard to the hat.

## RECENT FIRE AT FOOCHOW.

## ST. MARK'S COLLEGE BURNED DOWN.

## OUTBREAK A MYSTERY.

## ACTION FOR \$1,000 DAMAGES.

## LOSS ON GOODS WHICH DID NOT ARRIVE.

## MISTAKE IN CONTRACT.

A dispute arising from an error alleged to have been made in a contract for the supply of cloth, stated to have caused a loss to one party of over \$1,000, resulted in an action for damages which was heard before Mr. Justice J. R. Wood in the Summary Court this morning.

The Wai Sun Firm, 45, Jervois Street, claimed \$1,000 damages from Messrs. Cherry and Co., 33, Queen's Road Central, second floor, for breach of contract. The plaintiffs alleged that the contract was to supply 15 bales of grey shirtings, each bale containing 25 pieces 38 inches by 78 yards each as per sample at the rate of \$7.10 each piece. The damages were sustained by reason of the plaintiffs entering into a sub-contract with a Canton firm to re-sell the goods at a profit, but the goods were never delivered by the defendants to the plaintiffs.

Mr. C. A. S. Russ was for the plaintiff and Mr. D. McCallum defended.

In reply to his Lordship, Mr. McCallum said it was admitted that delivery had never been made, but it was denied that there had been a breach of contract, because the defendants claimed *inter alia* that the contract had been rescinded.

Mr. Russ explained that there was no doubt about what the plaintiffs were to buy as shown by the contract and sample, but they had not received delivery although "prompt shipment" was stipulated.

## Goods Not Landed.

Answering his Lordship, Mr. Russ said the goods had never been landed at Kowloon Godowns as arranged, because, as he understood the defence, there were no such goods.

Mr. McCallum concurred.

The plaintiffs did not know that the goods could never be landed because none had been ordered, and therefore they entered into a sub-contract with a firm in Canton for the re-sale of the goods at a price of \$9.80 Hongkong currency. That was a written contract and was made in Canton on May 4.

That made the damages perfectly clear, commented Mr. Russ. They amounted to over \$1,000 but were being reduced to bring the matter within the jurisdiction of the Summary Court.

On June 7, a letter was written to the defendants on behalf of the plaintiffs calling attention to the non-delivery of the goods, and stating that unless delivery was made by a certain date, proceedings would be taken. However proceedings were not commenced until December 9, so that there could be no question of the goods being delivered in a reasonable time.

Continuing Mr. Russ said there appeared to have been a mistake in the contract according to the defendants who alleged that the price charged should have been for 38 yards of cloth and not 78 yards.

He contended that they did not rescind the contract and if it was possible to rescind a contract at that manner, then every contract could be so challenged. It appears from a letter, said Mr. Russ, that the goods were later more expensive than at the time the contract was entered into, but the plaintiffs should not sustain a loss because of a mistake made by the defendants.

If there was a mistake, then it had occurred both in the contract and the sample.

The manager of the plaintiff firm gave evidence in support of Mr. Russ's remarks. He denied that the contract was rescinded and said he had no idea that a mistake had been made.

The reason for the delay between the time of writing a letter threatening proceedings and the issue of the writ was because he was very busy and later his purchaser began to press him for the goods.

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The point was reserved for later consideration.

A salesman employed by the Canton firm spoke of the deal with the plaintiffs, and, in reply to Mr. McCallum, said he first heard of a difficulty with regard to the goods when they did not arrive.

The assistant manager of the defendant firm said he noticed the error and caused it to be pointed out to the defendants, asking to get it changed. The contract was signed by the managing proprietor. The figures "78 yards" should have been "38 yards." He offered to get a correct cargo for the plaintiffs. No cloth of that measure was manufactured, the standard length being 38 yards.

Judgment was reserved.

## OUTLOOK FOR THE NATIONALISTS.

## COMMUNISTS SAID TO BE ELIMINATED.

## THE CUSTOMS DUTIES.

Shanghai, Jan. 1. Beginning this new year the Nationalist Government will clean the slate with only one official functioning, Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, who has been appointed acting Foreign Minister due to the resignation of Mr. C. C. Wu. Owing to the resignation of most of the cabinet members last week and the fact that Kuomintang central executive committee will not be able to meet until January 5, the Nationalists are practically without a Government at present although Marshal Chiang Kai-shek is unofficially functioning as Generalissimo.

The New Year's message to-day stated that Quo Tai-chi reviewed the past year and claimed that the Nationalists have been successful in conquering three-fourths of China's provinces, and that dictators have been eliminated, although not sufficient time has yet elapsed to consolidate the conquered territories and establish a civilian form of government. Quo Tai-chi also declared that the Kuomintang is cleared now of Communistic elements which threatened to disrupt the Government whose prospects for unification were bright.

The chief problem now facing the new Government is financial, lending a belief that the first move of the new cabinet is likely to make an attempt for a further increase in the custom duties with 12½ per cent. as the minimum, in order to enable the domestic loan flotation. The local foreign officials are reviewing last year's foreign trade situation which is considered a gloomy picture with uncertain prospects for 1928.

In reviewing American trade in the Yangtze valley, Mr. Edwin S. Cunningham, United States Consul, stated that China's exports to America dropped to more than \$14,000,000 gold, with the chief decrease in silk shipments which Mr. Cunningham attributed to the increase in the use of artificial American silk.

He steered near the junk and found that the vessel, owing to the heavy winds, had struck the China Merchants' wharf and had been holed.

The launch took the unfortunate junk in tow and proceeded to take the junk to a place of safety.

The hole in the junk was of such a nature, however, that she began to sink, and when just off the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Wharf the crew of the launch found it necessary to take off those on the junk, which went down very soon afterwards.

The rescued people were taken to Tsim Sha Tsui this morning.

The wreck, lying about 200 yards off the Steamboat wharf, shows part of her mast and stern above water at low ebb, and is at present marked by a red flag by day, and a green light above a white light, vertical, by night. The wreck forms an obstruction to navigation and a notice to mariners will be issued to-day.

The necessary clearing work is being undertaken and before long, it is believed, the road will be available for motorists.

## FINE WEATHER.

## DEPRESSION BETWEEN FORMOSA &amp; HONGKONG.

## TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

A continuance of fine weather is predicted by the Royal Observatory in the daily weather report, which states:—The anticyclone has strengthened and is now central to the East of Tokyo.

Depressions lie over N.E. China and between Hongkong and Formosa.

The forecast for 21 hours ending at noon to-morrow is:—Fresh northerly winds, fine.

## HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

## A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING.

At Sunday evening's public meeting of the Hongkong Lodge of the Theosophical Society, at Lane Crawford's reserved lounge, Mr. John Russell gave an address on "A Spiritual Awakening."

Answers for those who need them will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1 Who are the Cardinals of St. Paul's Cathedral?

2 Who is a "writ of clepl?"

3 What famous relics are being used to prove a South London road?

4 What English Princess is about to make song records on the gramophone?

5 What and where are the "Devil's Arrows"?

6 What is the prevailing wind in the country?

7 What is salmagundi?

8 What two famous pictures have just been sold to America for \$100,000?

9 What is the lowest birth-rate that has been recorded in recent years?

10 Who was the Fair Rosamund who is to be the subject of a new play?

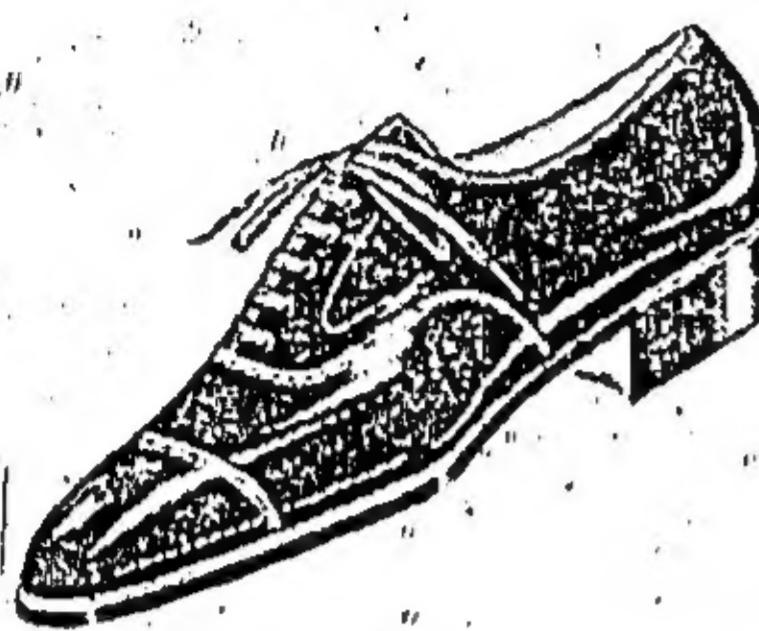
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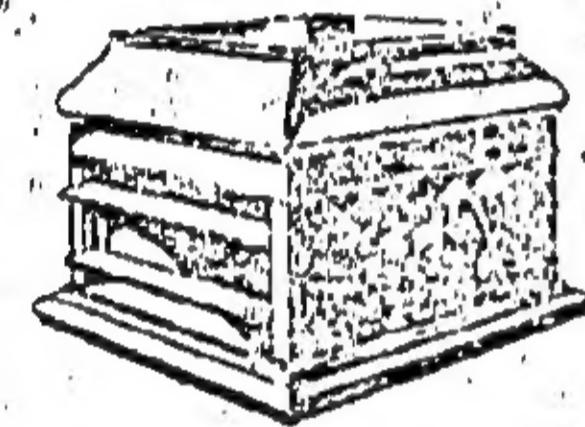
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### ODD GOAL WINS.

#### LOW SCORING IN LOCAL MATCHES.

#### KOWLOON "B" SURPRISE.

[By "Wanderer".]

The military teams had their day on Saturday. Four of them were engaged in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Football League, and all four were winners. Low scoring was a feature of the day's play, attributable in a large measure to a boisterous wind which rendered all games scrappy.

The Chinese Athletic's unbeaten certificate was never in danger against the Police, and they were the only civilian victors in the Senior Division.

The only surprise was created by the Kowloon Third XI which won for the first time this season, and forced home their advantage to the tune of four clear goals.

The odd goal brought victory to four of five winners in the Junior Division "A". The full results follow:

#### Senior Division.

Club	1 Queen's	2
Police	0 Chinese Ath.	2
K.O.S.B.	2 Kowloon	0
R.A.	2 Recreio	1
South China	1 Scots Gds.	2

#### Junior Division "A".

S. China "B"	0 Kowloon	1
R.A. Res.	0 S. China "A"	1
Club Res.	2 University	3
Recreio	0 Chinese Ath.	1
K.O.S.B.	3 St. Joseph's	0

#### Junior Division "B".

S. China "A"	0 Kowloon	4
Chinese Ath.	3 S. China "B"	4
Scouts	3 Moslems	4

#### Bailey Scores Twice.

Typically clever efforts in the first half enabled Bailey, who has now filled all positions in the Queen's Regiment forward line, to net twice from the inside-right position against the H.K.F.C. Sandwiched between them was a good goal for the home side through McBride, and these three goals constituted the extent of the scoring.

The Queen's pressed at the opening, but were too happy against a stout defence until Bailey slipped through and scored. The Club improved subsequently but were still in arrears at the interval, each side having scored a further goal. The second half went in favour of the Queen's, their nippy forward line giving the Club a severe test.

Gerrard and Bishop were in good form, while the half-backs worked tirelessly throughout. The forwards were never together, though an occasional individual burst often spelt danger.

#### Chinese Still Winning.

A goal in each half brought yet another victory to the Chinese Athletic. The Police struggled valiantly throughout, but their forwards could make little headway against a sound defence, and the Athletic's unbeaten certificate was never threatened.

Wynne and Hudson saved their side from a more pronounced defeat by brilliant defensive displays, while Clark effected many magnificent clearances.

The Athletic have been suffering from injuries to players and the usual right wing was absent on Saturday. Play was chiefly centred on the left where Chan Kwong-ai and Suen Kam-chun led Britain and Wynne a lively dance. Chan Kwong-ai scored in the first half, and Wong Pak-chong added to the lead after the interval.

#### Borderers Succeed.

Vickar's failure to keep the forward line together had much to do with Kowloon's 2-0 defeat against the K.O.S.B. at Sookpoo. At certain stages of the game, the visitors pressed vigorously and Anderson's charge was many times in danger.

The Borderers' forwards were, however, always the more dangerous line, and when Humphries netted from a scrimmage some fifteen minutes before the interval, the Borderers deserved their lead. The boisterous wind upset play somewhat, but there were occasional flashes of brilliance which made the football interesting.

With the wind in their favour, Kowloon gave a much better account of themselves in the trouble.

### RIFLE LEAGUE.

#### WIN FOR THE NAVY.

A match was held at Taikoo Rifle Range on Sunday afternoon between a team from the Navy v. the Army and Volunteers. This was in place of a match arranged for between the Navy, Army and Civilians of the Colony, which owing to the weather, was cancelled. The following were the scores:

	200	500	600	
	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Tol.
Mr. Chandler	31	33	32	96
P. O. Gully	31	34	31	96
P. O. Greening	31	33	31	95
A. B. Rigby	31	32	30	93
Mr. Barber	31	34	28	93
Cpl. Willott	30	29	33	91
Mme. Reeves	32	27	29	88
A. B. Crocker	31	28	26	86
	248	250	239	737

#### ARMY AND VOLUNTEERS.

	200	500	600	
	Yds.	Yds.	Yds.	Tol.
C. S. M. Proven	35	33	30	93
Sgt. Wadey	29	32	29	90
Sgt. Summers	29	33	28	90
Mr. Lyon	27	31	30	88
Mr. Goodman	24	32	31	87
Lieut. Sullivan	28	29	29	86
Sgt. Handcombe	21	30	31	82
S. L. M. Sluter	27	28	29	84
	220	248	237	705

The Navy won by 82 points.

#### LOCAL HOCKEY.

#### CLUB TEAM AGAINST ARMY.

The following have been chosen to represent the Hongkong Hockey Club in their Sim Shield match against the Army on the U.S. R.C. ground at 4.30 p.m. on Wednesday:—W. J. Lockhart Smith; J. E. Henry, D. Lyon; W. R. Greenhalgh, A. A. Dard (capt.), J. E. Noronha; G. B. Slipper, E. L. Sim, F. G. Wheeler, D. Woodward and B. D. Evans.

The Army has confirmed the list of Sim Shield fixtures recently published.

second half and many times the Borderers' goal appeared certain to fall. The K.O.S.B. broke away, however, and Stock netted a second goal.

McKevie took the centre-forward position after the second reverse and the effect was immediate. For the remainder of the game, Kowloon were on top but although Anderson was beaten by a shot which struck the foot of the post they could not force the ball through.

The Kowloon defence was in great fettle throughout, Wheeler and Dodson giving a fine exhibition of back play, while Hedley, Sims and McKevie were a sound line of half-backs. Peart on the right started off in good style but fell away, while the left wing found progress difficult against Everest.

Everest, Davey and Skiggs held the Kowloon forwards effectively for long periods, and Gardner and Gear were seldom seriously troubled until the closing fifteen minutes. Campbell and McGlinchey were the best of the forwards.

Recreio set up strong attacks on resumption but Gosano's individual bursts found Trim in capital form and the Interport forward failed to score. Rocha reduced the lead with a good shot mid-way through the second half, but the R.A. concentrated on defence and strenuous efforts for an equaliser came to nought.

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#### A Game Of Halves.

Forcing home their advantage to the tune of two goals in the first half, the Scots Guards managed to hold the South China team to a single goal in reply in the second half when aided by a strong wind, the Chinese had taken the initiative.

Smith scored both goals for the Guards, and the military side were well worth their interval lead. Fung King-cheong reduced the arrears within five minutes of the restart, but in subsequent play the South China forwards were erratic and gave Jackson little

chance to score.

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#### Harris Wins.

The curtain-raiser, the return contest between Stoker Sharples and Marino Harris, was a gruelling encounter, but lacked many of the points of interest of their previous meeting. Much energy was wastefully expended, Sharples was aggressive throughout, but his deliveries were minus precision, and Harris was able to take up his speedy attack without running into real danger. Harris did

### BOXING TOURNEY.

#### HALL'S FINE DISPLAY AGAINST FRAZER.

#### STERLING BUT NARROW WIN.

[By "Wanderer".]

The absence of a strong top-liner may be taken as the principal reason for the poor attendance at the Boxing Association's tournament at the Lee Theatre on Saturday, but those who put away the prejudice against a non-star show were rewarded with a sterling battle between two stalwarts, Marine Frazer and L. S. Hall, an opportunity of observing the speed and cool cleverness of Signalman Morris against a heavier opponent, and a source of keen amusement in two other contests.

#### Frazer's Debut.

Making his debut in the local ring, Marine Frazer was defeated, but in the course of ten rounds contest, he paid a tribute to his trainer by an immense reserve of stamina, and if he did not impress by any particular form of cleverness, proved himself a forceful fighter, with a hefty wallop in either hand.

Hall won because of his aggression in the early rounds. Ignoring a persistent battery to the chin, he forced Frazer to retire before a series of damaging body blows, and always conscious of the Marine's advantage in reach, jumped inside, punched effectively and darted away before Frazer could sum up the situation.

For six rounds without wasting energy on the air he kept Frazer guessing, but the Marine showed no signs of the hammering received and punching with more precision in the three succeeding sessions made up a considerable part of the leeway.

#### Hall in Distress.

Hall took a battering and was in distress at the close of the eighth and penultimate rounds, but allowed to make the pace in the tenth, he rallied splendidly and won by a definite if small margin of points. Had Frazer taken the initiative in the last round, the decision might have gone the other way, but Hall milked on the retreat in great style at the opening, and an extra bit of experience of such battles got him home.

Frazer took a terrific amount of punishment, principally on the body, in the early rounds, but never shirked the issue. Hall was plainly worried by his inability to hurt the Marine, but his clever evasions saved a good deal of counter work, and he judged his man to a nicely. Frazer afterwards challenged Hall to another meeting and Hall accepted. It should be a capital duel between well-matched opponents.

#### Morris's Clever Victory.

The other ten-rounder bringing Signalman Morris and A. B. Buckmaster together had few of the thrills and excitement of the first big fight. Morris conceded nearly a stone in weight, but throughout he was much too clever for the Seaman and when the knock-out came in the eighth round one felt Morris had delayed it unnecessarily.

Relying mainly on his left, jabbing away at the least opening, Morris was clever enough to avoid anything in the nature of a risk while Buckmaster was still fresh. He led Buckmaster a merry dance, though he took a certain amount of punishment in the second round when Buckmaster held him in a neutral corner.

Buckmaster "realised his only clear path to victory but sought in vain to deliver effectively one of his hefty right hooks. He was very persistent, but Morris's beautiful footwork kept him out of danger, while he worried the seaman by continually shooting out his left. Until the sixth round, Morris was content to wear his man down piling up points by a polished display, but he sailed in the sixth and punished Buckmaster severely in a two-handed attack.

In the seventh, Buckmaster was at the mercy of his much cleverer opponent and after courageously resisting a fierce attack went down on his knees for a count. The gong came to the rescue, but the next round brought the end, a series of sharp blows to head and body leaving him helpless to stop a right hook which made the count almost unnecessary.

#### Harris Wins.

The curtain-raiser, the return contest between Stoker Sharples and Marino Harris, was a gruelling encounter, but lacked many of the points of interest of their previous meeting. Much energy was wastefully expended, Sharples was aggressive throughout, but his deliveries were minus precision, and Harris was able to take up his speedy attack without running into real danger. Harris did

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#### Poor House.

## SATURDAY'S CRICKET.

## UNIVERSITY WIN AGAIN.

Conditions on Saturday were against good cricket. The light was bad, the afternoon was cold and the strong wind and slight drizzle made matters uncomfortable for the players.

One gratifying feature of the league fixtures, was that every game was brought to a definite conclusion. The University further improved their position at the head of the first division by inflicting an overwhelming defeat on Craigengower C.C., who up to Saturday last were undefeated.

The Royal Artillery won their first match, their victims being the Indian R.C. "B" team.

The only other first division match was played on the Civil Service ground, where the Navy Service were the visitors. The Navy won.

## DIVISION I.

## Seven Wickets Victory For University.

Playing on the University ground, the University "A" team secured a seven wickets victory over the Craigengower Cricket Club. The Happy Valley men were all dismissed for 31 runs. Several batsmen reached double figures but N. Mackay was the only player to get twenty.

The University secured the necessary runs in quick time. When stumps were drawn they had scored 103 for the loss of three wickets only.

## C.S.C.C. v. Navy.

These two teams met on the former's ground and the result was a win for the Navy. Batting first, the G.S.C.C. scored the respectable total of 161, but the Navy managed to beat this, thanks mainly to a brilliant second wicket partnership between Salter (59) and Armitage, and a valuable contribution by Cecil.

## R.A. v. I.R.C. "B".

The Indians "B" went down badly to the R.A. at Sooknupoo, the gunners scoring freely from weak bowling and reaching 185 after a little over an hour's play. The Indians' batting was equally disappointing and the side was all dismissed for 71 runs, thus giving the visitors a victory of over 100 runs. The losers have only secured one point in the league, having played five matches to date.

## DIVISION II.

## Recreio Too Good for the Engineers.

Playing on their own ground the Club de Recreio dismissed the Royal Engineers for 47 runs, and then proceeded to treat the game more or less as a practice match, scoring 108 at the end of their innings. M. Pinn was top scoring, obtaining 40 runs.

## Friendly Matches.

Played on the C.R.C. ground, the Hongkong Cricket Club secured a fair victory over the Chinese team. The visitors obtained a total of 115 runs, of which Syme-Thomson contributed 33. The Chinese replied with 84, of which Youngsye was responsible for 21.

## Tamar v. H.K. Electric.

The Electric Company secured a somewhat comfortable victory over the Tamar in a low-scoring match played at Happy Valley. They were all out for 84 but managed to keep the Naval total down to 69, thus winning by 15 runs.

## H.K.C.C. 2nd v. C.S.C.C. 2nd XI.

On the Club ground, the H.K.C.C. second eleven entertained and defeated the Civil Service Cricket Club's seconds. Batting first, the G.S.C.C. scored 70 runs, Davies being responsible for 22. The Club managed to pass this score by twelve runs, thus gaining a narrow victory. Robertson (7 for 29) for Civil Service and Hall (3 for 3) and Griffin (4 for 16) for the Club, bowled well.

## Navy v. China Light.

Played at King's Park, the Royal Navy defeated the China Light comfortably. Batting first, the China Light made 73 runs, to which the Navy replied with 92 for five wickets.

## Police v. Recreio.

A team from the Club de Recreio travelled to Happy Valley to engage in a friendly encounter with the Police R. C. The visitors were all dismissed for 46 runs. The police reached this figure for the loss of only two wickets, and then went on to make 127. Alexander retired when his score was 35.

## LEAGUE TABLES.

The positions in the League to date are:

## Division I.

## P. W. D. L. Pts.

University	4	0	0	0	12
Craigengower C.C.	6	2	3	1	9
Indian R.C. "A"	4	2	2	0	8
Royal Navy	4	2	2	0	8
Chinese R.C.	5	1	2	2	5
Civil Service C.C.	5	1	1	3	4
Royal Artillery	4	1	0	3	3
Kowloon C.C.	1	0	1	0	1
Indian R.C. "B"	5	0	1	4	1

## Division II.

## P. W. D. L. Pts.

University 2nd	5	4	0	1	12
Club-de-Recreio	5	4	0	1	12
R.A.O.C.	4	3	0	1	9
Kowloon C.C. 2nd	4	2	1	1	7
Civil Service C.C.	4	2	0	2	6
Electric R.C.	4	2	0	3	6
Royal Navy 2nd	5	2	0	3	5
Royal Engineers	4	1	0	3	3
Police R.C.	6	1	0	5	3
"Tamar"	5	0	1	4	1

## HOME FOOTBALL.

## SATURDAY'S MATCHES.

The following are the results of Home football matches as cabled by Reuter.

## Division I.

Aston Villa	3	Liverpool	4
Blackburn	1	Bolton	6
Bury	2	Burnley	0
Cardiff	1	Wednesday	1
Dorby	2	Portsmouth	1
Everton	3	Middlesb.	1
Huddersfield	5	West Ham	1
Manchester U.	1	Birmingham	1
Sheffield U.	6	Arsenal	4
Sunderland	2	Leicester	2
Tottenham	5	Newcastle	2

## Division II.

Barnsley	2	Preston	1
Blackpool	2	Chelsea	4
Fulham	3	Swansea	2
Grimbsy	0	West Brom.	6
Notts. Cnty.	1	Stoke	1
Oldham	4	Bristol C.	1
Port Vale	1	Manchester C.	2
Rening	4	Clapton	0
Southampton	3	Leeds	1
St. Shields	3	Notts. Forest	4
Wolves	1	Hull	1

## Division III (South).

Bournemouth	1	Brentford	0
Brighton	2	Luton	4
Bristol R.	2	Gillingham	4
Charlton	2	Coventry	1
Northants	1	Crystal Pal.	1
Norwich	2	Exeter	2
Plymouth	2	Walsall	1
Queen's P. R.	0	Swindon	1
Southend	1	Millwall	1
Torquay	2	Merthyr	2
Watford	2	Newport	3

## Division III (North).

Bournemouth	3	New Brighton	2
Barrow	1	Rotherham	1
Brentford	2	Wrexham	0
Chesterfield	2	Halifax	1
Crewe	2	Bradford C.	1
Darlington	1	Lincoln	1
Doncaster	1	Hartlepools	1
Stockport	6	Rochdale	3
Tranmere	11	Durham	1
Wigan	2	Accrington	0

## Scottish League.

Clyde	2	Hearts	2
Dundee	2	St. Mirren	1
Fife	1	Partick	3
Falkirk	1	Celtic	3
Hamilton	7	Bo'ness	0
Hibernians	2	Motherwell	2
Kilmarnock	2	Aberdeen	1
Queens' Park	1	Airdrieonians	0
Ruth R.	0	St. Johnstone	0
Rangers	2	Cowdenbeath	2

## League Tables.

The following tables show the results of Saturday's matches having been taken into account in their compilation.

## Division I.

Everton	25	14	6	5	68	33	34
Huddersfield	24	13	4	7	59	40	30
Leicester	26	11	7	8	56	44	27
Liverpool	24	9	8	7	57	45	24
Arsenal	23	10	6	7	50	47	26
Cardiff	24	9	8	7	42	43	23
Newcastle	25	9	7	9	50	52	25
Tottenham	24	10	6	7	49	50	25
Middlesb.	25	8	8	6	10	44	24
Sheffield U.	25	11	2	12	47	57	23
Burnley	25	11	2	12	47	57	23
Bolton	23	9	5	9	45	36	22
Derby	24	8	7	9	50	53	23
Sunderland	23	8	7	8	42	42	23
Manchester U.	24	9	5	10	40		

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### WATER RATIONING.

#### QUESTIONS TO BE PUT TO SANITARY BOARD.

At to-morrow's meeting of the Sanitary Board, Mr. J. P. Bragg, pursuant to notice, will ask:

- (1) In view of the existing rationing of the water supply on the Island of Hongkong and of the recurring restrictions during the dry seasons, will the President inform the Board as to the number of houses on the Island using water from the Government mains (as distinguished from independent water supplies) for flushing purposes?

The figures should be given separately for—

- (a) dwelling houses,
  - (b) Government buildings,
  - (c) hospitals,
  - (d) hotels and offices.
- (2) In whose hands is the power vested for granting permission for the use of filtered water from Government mains for flushing and gardening purposes?

- (3) What specific requirements (if any) are imposed before the permission (referred to in 2) is granted by the authority concerned?

The agenda also includes a minute of the President relative to the appointment of Lieutenant-Colonel and Brevet-Colonel J. S. Bostock to be a member of the Standing Committee for the Colonial Cemetery in place of Lieutenant-Colonel S. Boylan Smith.

### NEW TONNAGE.

#### BIG INCREASE IN THE LAST QUARTER.

London, Jan. 7. Lloyd's shipbuilding returns for the quarter ending December 31 last, show a worldwide improvement in shipbuilding, the world figures being 3,118,721 tons.

The figures for Britain and Ireland are double what they were in December 1926, namely 1,579,713 tons now building, of which over 200,000 tons will be registered in the Dominions.

Germany is building 472,295 tons, and Italy, Holland, France and Sweden over 100,000, but in no country is the tonnage commenced during the quarter sufficient to replace the tonnage launched.

A remarkable increase in tanker construction represents nearly 24 per cent. of the total world tonnage under construction, shipowners favouring more and more motor ships, which represent 41 per cent. of the total building in Britain and Ireland and over 62 per cent. of the total abroad.—Reuter.

### MOSCOW CHINESE.

#### NO WHOLESALE ARRESTS.

Peking, Jan. 7. The Peking Foreign Ministry has received a reply from Moscow Chinese Embassy this morning, stating that reports that Chinese officials had been arrested are not true, but owing to the Canton affair the Russian authorities had arrested certain suspicious Chinese immigrants.—Reuter.

[A message of January 5 stated: Moscow messages reaching Peking state that the Chinese Colony there is becoming alarmed following the reported arrests of the Chinese Charge d'Affaires, two Embassy officials, 30 students and 50 graduates of the Sun Yat-sen University by the Cheka, presumably as retaliation for the Canton executions.]

### BRILLIANT WEDDING.

#### ENGLISH GIRL MARRIES AT TOKYO.

Tokyo, Jan. 7.

Prince Chichibu, Princess Higashihara, and the Premier were amongst the many prominent personages who attended the wedding breakfast following the wedding of Elizabeth, daughter of the British Ambassador (Sir J. A. C. Tilley), to Captain Gwyn, 14th Punjab.

Toward the end of the religious service, which was held according to Roman rites, the Apostolic Delegate, who conducted the ceremony, read a cable conveying His Holiness the Pope's blessing on the newly-married couple.—Reuter.

### ALPINE DISASTER.

#### OFFICERS BURIED UNDER AVALANCHE.

Paris, Jan. 8. A message from Briancon states that a senior subaltern was killed and a number of officers of the Chasseurs Alpins were injured, some seriously, when they were buried by an avalanche while performing military exercises on skis.—Reuter.

### BROADCASTING.

#### HONGKONG PROPOSAL OUTLINED.

Under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee another radio test programme was transmitted from the Lee Theatre on Friday night, and while full reports have not yet been received it is known that the transmission was generally well received throughout the Colony.

During the broadcasting of gramophone records the position as regards future broadcasting was outlined by Mr. R. Sutherland, chairman of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee, who said: "I have been asked to make an announcement partly with a view to informing listeners in the position as regards transmitting in the Colony and partly with a view to testing the reception of the voice. Hitherto our tests have been more or less confined to gramophone records."

It will be remembered that when the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee commenced its functions in Hongkong in the way of entertaining troops the broadcasting scheme was to be one of the means of providing amusement and instruction to our visitors. This was made possible through the kindness of Mr. Bea of the General Electric Co., who placed a transmitter at the service of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee on very reasonable terms.

The Cause of the Delay.

Unfortunately, through various causes, this transmitter was only quite recently brought up to a state of efficiency. The difficulty was not in connexion with the apparatus itself, but great delay was occasioned in obtaining some of the essential parts.

Experiments were started at a small flat in Wan Chai, which was placed at the disposal of the Y.M.C.A. through the courtesy of the Hongkong Land Investment Agency Co. Ltd. A great deal of experimental work was performed in that vicinity but the results were not considered satisfactory. The transmitter was accordingly removed to a position on the roof of the Lee Theatre, and it is from there we are now broadcasting.

All who have the future of broadcasting in Hongkong at heart are much indebted to Mr. Lee Hysan, the proprietor of this theatre, for his kindness and assistance in allowing us to carry out this experimental work. We hope to receive tests of this transmission not only from the Peak, middle levels, and Kowloon but also from Cheung Chow, Taipo, Shek-O and Naval ships in the harbour.

#### Possible Developments.

Should the broadcasting scheme be successfully inaugurated Shamshui Po will, of course, be of importance. A temporary receiving set has been installed there today and we hope to receive reports of their reception.

It must be remembered that while a great number of the troops have left the Colony, there are still a great number remaining, and it is considered that some scheme might be devised whereby the Y.M.C.A. Naval and Military Committee could co-operate with wireless enthusiasts in the Colony with a view to broadcasting acceptable programmes from time to time, or if the scheme develops along the lines it is hoped, it might even be possible to have a daily programme.

This will consist of musical items, local news, results of football matches both here and at Home. We have had the promise of many amateur and professional performers as regards music and also we can obtain the assistance of many who are qualified to give short addresses on matters of interest, not only to the troops, but to the Colony generally.

#### Receivers in Hospitals.

It is also hoped to be able to arrange for receiving sets to be installed at the civil, Military and Naval hospitals and canteens, where they would undoubtedly prove a boon.

It is possible that a band may be broadcast in the evenings, but this and many other matters will require the very close consideration of those who may eventually embark upon a permanent broadcasting scheme.

We must not overlook the fact that the Radio Society has already been established for some time past and it is hoped that their members, particularly those who have technical knowledge, will take an interest in the proposed arrangements. If those who are interested in wireless and are prepared to lend a helping hand will be good enough to send in reports of receptions and suggestions for a broadcasting scheme to Mr. Sutherland, chairman of the Committee, it will be very much appreciated.

#### Perfection Necessary.

In conclusion it should be made perfectly clear that this announce-

### PRINCE BETROTHED.

#### JAPANESE ROYALTY AND DIPLOMAT'S DAUGHTER.

Tokyo, Jan. 7. The report that Prince Chichibu, the Emperor of Japan's brother, has become engaged to Miss Setsu, the daughter of Mr. T. Matsudaira, the Japanese Ambassador at Washington, has been confirmed.—Reuter.

#### A Popular Maiden.

Washington, Jan. 7. The country is alive with interest at the news of the engagement of Prince Chichibu and Miss Setsu, the people not being slow to appreciate the romantic element of the union of a member of Royalty and a commoner.

Moreover, they suspect the romance had its inception in America.

Miss Setsu is still only sixteen years of age. She is acknowledged to be one of the most popular maidens in diplomatic circles.

—Reuters American Service.

### PREMIER HOPEFUL.

#### LESS ANTI-FOREIGNISM AMONG CHINESE.

London, Jan. 7. Addressing his Bowdon constituents, the Premier, Mr. Baldwin, alluding to China, said the whole world conceded that the Shanghai Defence Force probably saved the lives of thousands of whites.

He hoped it would be possible in time to withdraw the force, but not if the withdrawal imperilled the lives of our own people.

There was a slight improvement in China, namely the Chinese were shaking off Soviet control, and as they did that the anti-British cry was far less noticeable, feeling being more anti-foreign than anti-British. There were signs that even that was weakening.—Reuter.

### MONOPOLY DISPUTE.

#### SOVIET FUNDS ATTACHED AT PARIS.

Paris, Jan. 7. The Tribunal of Commerce has ordered the attachment up to 20,000,000 francs of Soviet Commercial Mission deposits with various banks at the instance of the Banca Arunus, of Barcelona, for alleged breach of contract.

Apparently, the Banca Arunus received a monopoly to export oil from the Caucasus to Spain and the Soviet denounced the contract despite a clause providing for arbitration in the case of a dispute.

Nearly 18,000 workers are now idle.—Reuter.

[A Bombay message of January 3 stated: As the result of a lightning strike of employees in four mills, following the introduction of measures of economy, 10,000 people are idle.]

### BOMBAY STRIKERS.

#### NINE MILLS CLOSE DOWN.

Bombay, Jan. 7. The strike in the mills, which commenced last week, has spread to nine mills which have closed down.

Two others are partially working.

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### SIR M. LAMPSON.

#### AN EXTENDED TOUR OF MANCHURIA.

Peking, Jan. 7.

It is understood that Sir Miles Lampson, who accompanied his wife and child to Harbin, yesterday, will be visiting several important towns in Manchuria before returning to Peking.

Lady Lampson is going to England via Siberia, owing to her child's illness.—Reuter.

ment is purely unofficial as no steps will be taken to organize a permanent scheme until such time as we are satisfied that we are in a position to broadcast a programme in such a manner as will be generally acceptable to the Colony.

It must always be remembered that the atmospheric conditions of Hongkong are not by any means favourable for the object which we have in view. We hope, however, to be able to overcome some of the climatic and geographical drawbacks and if those who are in a position to assist will come forward, it is hoped that the proposal, now roughly defined, will eventually be brought to a successful issue.

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## OUR SERIAL STORY.

## THE MOATED GRANGE.

By KATHARINE TYNAN.  
Author of "A Mad Marriage," "The House of Doom," "Donya the Dreamer."

PRINCIPAL CHARACTERS:  
MRS. DE BURGH, an Irish widow, and BEATA, her daughter, are tenants of the Moated Grange.  
CRONCH, the sinister caretaker.  
MRS. CRONCH, his wife.  
ANTHONY NAPIER, in love with Beata.  
DASH, a half-blind dog.

## CHAPTER XI.

"No one need be afraid," said Anthony.  
He had flung the mare's reins over the low branch of a tree and had left her nosing about in the snow for something she could eat.

They had followed him across the grass to the temple. Pushing open the door of floored ironwork, he indicated what the temple contained: It was a long, hollowed-out piece of stone like a drinking-trough.

"It is a stone coffin right

enough," he said, "but the little ashes have been flung to the winds long ago. Some Egerton probably thought it a picturesque thing to house in the temple; this country is full of Roman remains. It is the coffin of a little child, Thelida Pompilia, who died Anno Domini 37. There is nothing to be afraid of about that, is there?"

He looked at Beata with an understanding tenderness, and then at her mother.

"I don't know that the temple is the best place for it," he said, with a certain grave sweetness. "I saw a little coffin once—came upon it accidentally as I tramped German country—it was in an autumnal orchard, deep in dead leaves. There was a crucifix leaning over the lonely little orchard, as though Christ claimed the little daughter of Pagan Rome."

Suddenly he laughed.

"I am talking like a literary bloke," he said. "I don't know how I came to do such thing. Only, I want you to feel that this little place is harmless."

"Thank you," said Beata. "I don't know how you knew, but I was really rather frightened of the temple. I shall not be again."

The mare had discovered some-

thing to her liking between the red

and purple and green fungi, and

was chowing it. She had hardly

moved from the spot where they

had left her.

"I can get her under cover," he said. "It grows cold early these days."

"There is a box-stall which I had made for my little mare," Beata said. "After all, I hardly

thought it worth while to bring her over; there was no one to ride with and I have been growing lazy."

"I'll show you the way, while

Mumsie informs Mrs. Cronch that

there is someone coming for

lunch."

"I shall come and ride with you," he said. "You must not grow lousy, at your age."

They parted at the point where

one road ran to the stables and the other turned towards the bridge

that led to the courtyard. It had

begun to rain. One window of an

unused part of the house looked

their way as they went round the house. Looking towards it Beata

was momentarily startled. She

thought she saw Cronch's flat, pale

face in the obscurity within, but

If she was right, he had disappeared while she blinked her eyelids.

The low, watery light of the sky-line was reflected in the window panes. It must have been an illusion: the place was full of

illusions. What would Cronch be

doing in the shut up part of the house?

Dash, looked the way she had

looked and growled. The light fell

on his eyeballs, reminding her of

the glare she had seen more than

once on Mrs. Cronch's eyes. The

dog did not like Cronch, and Beata

had noticed that Cronch always

kept him at a respectful distance.

As they returned to the house,

Dash walking between them, and

glancing up now and again with a

half-wistful hope at Anthony

Napier, Beata told Dash's story,

standing a little while to finish it

in view of the windows.

"I believe he associates you with his master in some way," she said.

The young man stooped and fondled the dog's beautiful silky ears, while Dash looked at him with a yearning affectionateness as though he had a half-fearful hope that he might be someone come back.

Before they crossed the bridge

Anthony Napier stooped and looked into the dog's eyes.

"Going blind," he said. "Poor old chap!"

Dash, as though he knew, sighed deeply, and pressed a little more

closely to the young man's side.

"I was so flattered," said Beata,

"when Dash walked into the draw-

ing-room one day and laid his head

on my knee—as though he made a

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## BIRTH CONTROL.

## LEADING BAPTIST MINISTER'S SUPPORT.

New York, Dec. 30.—Harry Emerson Fosdick, Modernist pastor of Park Avenue Baptist Church, has gone on record in support of birth control as the solution for over population.

"You cannot trust God to bring everything off all right if you let the earth's population double every sixty years," Dr. Fosdick told his congregation recently. "If we do so we will reap starvation, unemployment and physical and moral decay."

"Dean Inge of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, has taken his share of obliquity because he has said in his straightforward fashion that 'there is no hope for the basic social problem except in the scientific control of birth.'

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

## "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

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Madrid, Jan. 8.—A dozen persons were injured, some of them fatally, at a fireworks display at Riago de Cordoba as a result of unknown persons throwing a bomb into a crowd. The motive is believed to have been political.—Reuter.

nearly over, and we are going to route you out of the loneliness! I shall tell Rosamond Jekyll to call very soon. I know you will hit it off splendidly with Rosamond, Mrs. de Burgh. She is such a jolly girl, although she has a big son, taller than she is. She will bring him along with Ethelwynne, and Mrs. Kirke will come with Jack and Willie, but they must wait for the Easter holidays. I shall be at Warley to look after you, and there will be Nancy at Easter. She won't leave the hunting sooner. Do you like beagling? Miss de Burgh?"

Yes, Beata would love to beagle. She was keen for any outdoor sport. She had been getting so fat and lazy ever since they had left Glen Assar.

Now she cheered up amazingly when Cronch had left them to themselves. It had been a good lunch, and Anthony Napier had thoroughly enjoyed it. As he stood with his back to the drawing-room fire, looking down from his great height at Mrs. de Burgh and Beata, protesting that he must go, yet seeming in no hurry to go, it was almost impossible to realize how very little acquaintance there was between them. They had somehow leaped acquaintanceship and arrived at friendship. To be sure, they were of the same country, and they shared the same memories and hopes; it seemed enough.

He might have been a son, or a brother—with a subtle difference—from the manner in which he discussed their situation. His eyes were very blue and his mouth sweet as he looked down at Beata's head, with the firelight upon it. She was embroidering something that looked very dainty, some sort of a garment, it must be, he thought, but she had rolled it up into a balling little heap of silk, while she put in the wings of the butterfly she was embroidering.

He had been told how they had come to the Moated Grange, and was not sure that they had been wise. He had a manner as though they were very precious and needed looking after. He thought the place probably unhealthy, and certainly melancholy, and he was not at all surprised to hear of their slackness. His concern at the smallness of their appetites, which he had noticed at lunch, was like a very affectionate son or brother—again with a

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## U.S. IMMIGRATION BANS.

## CHINESE NEED GOVERNMENT CERTIFICATE.

Washington, Jan. 3.—

Chinese citizens coming to the United States from French Indo-China were declared by the Supreme Court to-day not to be entitled to admission upon credentials issued by the French colonial government.

The American government was sustained in its contention that Chinese citizens, regardless of where they temporarily resided, must present certificates from the Chinese Government showing that they are entitled to admission under the Chinese exclusion act.

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(To be continued.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—The United States gold production for 1927 was valued at \$45,000,000 being \$8,125,000 below 1926.

The silver production decreased

by 4,000,000 ounces.—Reuter.

American Service.

## YACHT CAPSIZES.

## INCIDENT IN SATURDAY'S RACE.

But for the timely arrival of the Viking, tragic consequences might have followed the sinking of the Pierrette, on Saturday afternoon at a spot between Kowloon Rock and the Channel Rocks.

The Pierrette was one of eight yachts which started in the "I and G" class of the sixth championship races organised by the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club. She was sailed by Commander S. J. Herbert and there was also on board a lady friend.

The race started at 2.30 p.m. and the course was Lyman Beacon (P), Cast Rock Buoy (S) and Channel Rocks (S). The strong wind on the afternoon made sailing conditions extremely difficult, but nothing happened until 4 p.m. when the Pierrette was off Kowloon Rock, when an exceptional heavy list caused her to ship so much water as to capsize and sink almost immediately.

Commander Herbert and his friend were thrown into the sea, but fortunately, after they had been in the water a few minutes, the Viking, another yacht in the race, came upon them and assisted Commander Herbert and his companion out of their untenable position. Captain B. Mayfield and Lieut. M. E. Barnes of the Scots Guards were sailing the Viking.

The Pierrette was abandoned for the time being, but yesterday she was salved by Messrs. Ah King, when it was found that the yacht's mast had snapped into two. The work of salvaging the yacht was begun early in the morning and by 11 o'clock the unfortunate Pierrette was raised to the surface.

Washington, Jan. 7.—

Loans to brokers and dealers held by the New York Reserve Bank and member banks have reached the unprecedented height of \$3,810,000,000 which is approximately \$1,000,000,000 more than on January 1, 1927.—Reuter's American Service.

Moscow, Dec. 7.—

Aeroplanes from Astrakhan, which were sent to make a search, found 200 fishing boats held up by ice floes in the Caspian Sea. Fifteen boats are missing, and about 50 fishermen are believed to be lost. Steps are being taken to rescue the remainder.

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### CHRISTIE CASE.

#### BLUHM'S DEALINGS IN THE OIL MARKET.

The case in which James Christie and Christopher Bluhm are charged with criminal conspiracy to defraud in relation to an alleged bogus morphine deal, was brought a step nearer conclusion at the Central Magistracy, before Major C. Wilson, on Saturday morning. Mr. T. H. King, Director of Criminal Intelligence, is prosecuting, and Mr. Gordon Leask defending.

On Saturday morning the second defendant Bluhm was closely cross-examined by Mr. King.

Prior to the opening of Mr. King's cross-examination, his Worship asked Bluhm how he obtained the deposit receipt for \$100,000 and whether he had any written authority or otherwise from Christie.

Bluhm replied that Christie asked him to accompany a Chinese military official to the Li Tung Bank, where the deposit receipt was handed over to him. He later gave it to Christie. He had no written authority from Christie.

His Worship pointed out that it was an unusual procedure for banks to give information about deposits made by their clients.

Bluhm replied that he did not obtain written authority because he went to the bank in company with a Chinese official.

In commenting on the point, Mr. Leask said he was glad his Worship had raised it and he would later take the opportunity of addressing the court on the point of the Belgian Bank in Tientsin supplying information to the prosecution with regard to Christie's financial affairs. Such action, he said, was irregular as between bankers and their customers.

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Mr. Leask answered that the police were not privileged, a remark which Mr. King challenged, he thought they were privileged.

Mr. Leask said he would discuss the point later.

#### American Connexion.

In reply to Mr. King, Bluhm said that the reason why he left the American firm of McDonald and Healy was because, when he came back from America he wanted to establish his own business. He did not receive a certificate from them because he did not ask for one. He did not ask for one because he did not want one.

He commenced business in Hankow in the oil line and placed his orders with Messrs. Strohm and Co., in Shanghai, who arranged with Jardine's for the oil to be shipped. In Hankow itself he made all payments direct to Jardine's. He was then dealing in "Red Ball" kerosene.

Before coming to Hongkong, he returned to Shanghai. That was when the "Reds" took Hankow in February or March. After being in Shanghai for four or five months, he came to Hongkong, when he started to deal with Messrs. Thatcher of Shanghai in

the "Mei Kung Oil Company." He registered a cable address of "Khan Sahib" with Malib Khan's approval. He had not decided on a name when he left Shanghai and before meeting Khan Sahib he had decided to employ a Chinese name in Canton. His arrest prevented the agreement with Khan Sahib going through for the Indo-China Oil Company.

The Chinese name he had decided on was "Mei Kung Oil Company," but that company had never been started.

Mr. King produced a letter from a man who was designated as the managing director of the Company of the date of October 14. The letter stated that the writer was anxiously waiting for samples as he could sell all the cargo before its arrival if he had samples to show. The letter also stated that he had some rich friends in the town, one of whom was prepared to furnish \$20,000 for the firm and become the compradore.

Referring to another sentence, stating, "but I very quickly found out who he is," Mr. King asked for its meaning and its relation to the previous sentences, but Bluhm, who appeared embarrassed, did not make any reply.

Mr. King said he would not press the point, but asked the Magistrate to note the defendant's obvious embarrassment.

The case was adjourned until next Tuesday afternoon at 2.15.

Bluhm stated that the deal was never completed. In explaining the matter he said the writer of the letter, a man named Tall, had a discussion with Khan Sahib in Hongkong when they decided to form the Indo-China Oil Company. Bluhm agreed that in the draft agreement no mention was made of either Khan Sahib or Tall and explained that by saying that the conference was held after the agreement was signed.

#### Samples Lacking.

Answering further questions Bluhm said up to November 10 and 12 he had not received samples.

Mr. King:—How was that?—The samples did not arrive, but I was informed by letter that they were being sent.

Continuing, Bluhm said that as the samples did not arrive, he wrote a letter about them on October 14. He received a reply saying that they would be sent. He had received no word why they had not arrived, and that was the reason why he wanted to go to Shanghai to make arrangements.

His Worship:—Why did you want \$1,000 for your expenses?

Bluhm replied it was the usual method of business to obtain a deposit.

Bluhm was questioned by Mr. King with regard to the telephone conversation when Haynes took shorthand notes of what Christie (whom he believed to be the man at the other end) said.

Bluhm said that it was he himself who called Haynes up that day for the purpose of making an appointment.

He said he did not believe that Haynes had made the shorthand notes at the telephone. If Haynes could lie in the witness box by attributing it to him (Bluhm) a sentence with the word "cautious," the meaning of which he did not know, then Haynes could also lie on a postcard. Bluhm continued that he knew the word "grafter," but he could not say whether the word was used less often in the English language than "cautious." His opinion was that "grafter" meant an honest and clever businessman. That was the meaning he intended to convey when he used the word in letters to Christie.

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Mr. Leask admitted that he signed "Bluhm oil" which Bluhm admitted he signed. He intended to register that name but did not do so. For his oil business in South China, he would have used his own name. He had had a conversation with Khan Sahib, Mali Khan, who had displayed an interest and they decided to call the business the "Indo-China Oil Company."

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KALYAN	9,144	7th Apr.	Marselles, L'don & A'werp
MONGOLIA	16,504	14th Apr.	Marselles & London
MOREA	10,933	23rd Apr.	Marselles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May.	Marselles & London
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KHIVA	9,135	3rd Feb.	Shanghai; Moji & Kobe
MACEDONIA	11,120	4th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TANDA	6,656	7th Feb.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
INAGORE	5,283	11th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHMIR	8,985	18th Feb.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KALYAN	9,144	18th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MANTUA	10,946	2nd Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	6th Mar.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
IL HORE	5,252	12th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MONGOLIA	16,504	17th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MOREA	10,933	30th Mar.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
KASHGAR	9,005	13th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
MALWA	10,986	27th Apr.	S'hai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
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Victoria, Hongkong.**MANILA TO FLOAT  
LOAN IN U. S.****MAYOR'S SCHEME BEING  
CONSIDERED.**

The proposed issue of ten million pesos for the city of Manila in the United States in order to carry to realization several far-reaching municipal improvements and public works projects of Mayor Tomás Earnshaw, was formally put up to Honorio Ventura, Secretary of the Interior, by the Mayor last week.

The result of the conference is not yet known.

"The city is now having an income sufficient to secure any bond raised in the United States," the Mayor recently declared "and I will point out to the secretary the need of making such a loan for Manila. The projects I have outlined as my programme during my administration need money for their realization, and I do not believe it will be unduly hard on the city to incur an additional indebtedness of ten million pesos. With the present revenues of the city, we should be in a position to redeem the bonds upon maturity."

**BETTER ANGLO-IRISH  
RELATIONS.****MR. TIM HEALY'S TRIBUTE.**

Dublin, Jan. 8.—There was a felicitous atmosphere at the banquet given by the Executive Council in honour of Mr. Tim Healy on the eve of his retirement. Among those who attended were the Roman Catholic and Protestant Archbishops.

Mr. Healy spoke on Anglo-Irish relationships and emphasised that the English during the past year had not interfered in any Irish matter to the extent of a title or scintilla, while regarding the talk of "our foreign King" he averred that "the latter is a gentleman. We know his pedigree and I wish we knew as much about those who talk of his interference in Irish affairs."

Mr. Cosgrave, presiding, wished Mr. Healy a well-earned rest, enjoying the affection and admiration of everyone in Ireland.—Reuters.

**THE RACES.**

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the last quarter in 31 seconds. Lt. Hankey's Sidi Bishi was also sent over the same distance, covering it in 32.2/5, 1.10.2/5, 1.41.4/5, the last half-a-mile in 1.03.2/5, which is certainly a grand performance. Erstwhile, owned by Mr. Harold Seth, has not yet been stretched. But had done the mile in a good time of 2.22.2/5 and a few more seconds could be easily knocked off without any difficulty. Ploughman, belonging to Mr. Dowbiggin, is coming up slowly and is too dangerous to be overlooked. Mrs. Paterson's Spinner, in company with Mish Mish (Derby Griffin) did the six furlongs in 1.43.2/5, the former beating the stable companion by lengths.

Ken, Fair Eyes, Masonic Hall, T'Haugh, Sea Front, Gala Eve, Golly and a few others have all done the six furlongs in the vicinity of 1.43., finishing the last quarter inside 32 or thereabouts. Green Slip has not as yet done anything in the way of times to have supporters, but the "Early Birds" are uneasy over O-Moon who, to date, has never galloped over six furlongs, and at this distance, he entered it in 1.45 hard held.

To sum up, last Saturday, O-Moon did the furlong in 29 seconds, which to say the least, very few China ponies can do.

**THE FIRE BRIGADE.****THRILLING FILM COMING  
TO QUEEN'S.**

"The Fire Brigade," a love story with a background of the most sensational fire thrills ever screened, is coming this week to the Queen's Theatre with May McAvoy and Charles Ray in the leading roles. According to a special advertisement in this issue, it will be screened from Thursday to Saturday. The distinguished cast includes Holmes Herbert, Tom O'Brien, Eugene Beesiger, Warner P. Richmond, Bert Woodruff, Vivian Ogden, Dot Wilt Jennings, Dan Mason and Erwin Connally. There are many thrilling fire scenes in the picture, the wonderful realism achieved being due in large measure to the fact that trained firemen were employed. "The Fire Brigade" is also notable for some fine colour work.

**SERIOUS CHARGES.****MANILA COUNCILLORS  
IN TROUBLE.****SUSPENSION DEMANDED.**

The suspension of three Democrats councillors who are under investigation by the Board of Directors of their party was asked in a letter sent to Acting Governor Gilmore at Manila last week. The letter was signed by a Manila attorney who is acting as counsel for the complainants against the city councillors.

The suspension is demanded on the ground that the investigation cannot be carried on efficiently with the councillors continuing in office, as most of the witnesses are city Government employees. Precedents are cited wherein the suspension of members of the Municipal Council have been ordered by the Governor General pending legal action for criminal charges. The suspension of former Councillors Gerónimo Santiago, Aurelio Periquet, José Ciria Cruz, Rosauro Almarlo and Antonio Pagula were given as cases in point.

**NOT PERSECUTION.**

It is stated (says the Manila Bulletin) the charges against the city fathers under investigation are serious and prima facie evidence against their remaining in office. It is declared there can be no allegation of persecution against them as the investigation was instigated by members of the Democracy Party to which the councillors belong and by a resolution of the Party's Board of Directors sponsored by Juan Sumulong Senator.

Whatever action the Governor General may take regard the demand for suspension, it was stated that the expulsion of the councillors on the carpet from Democracy party is certain at the general convention scheduled for the closing days of January.

**The Charges.**  
The city fiscal's office and the Secretary of the Interior have

**ENGAGED.**

Prince Chichibu, the Emperor of Japan's brother, who has become engaged to Setsu, daughter of Mr. Matsudaira, the Japanese Ambassador at Washington.

been furnished the list of the charges against the councillors by Agripino Bautista, David Bautista and Jacinto Inocencio, Democrats from Manila. The charges include falsification of public documents on the Manila West High School deal, frustrated graft of Pesos 20,000 in connexion with the cinematograph tax ordinance which was later declared unconstitutional by the Supreme Court, bribery in connexion with the Rivero contract and the ordinance imposing a tax of five centavos on imported meat.

From official sources it was learned the suspension of the three Democrat councillors will depend on the result of the city fiscal's investigation.

Should the charges be substantiated in the investigation, criminal action will be instituted in addition to temporary suspension from office. The proximity of the general elections will have no bearing on the result of the investigation, it was pointed out, as the persons under fire have not been officially named candidates for election of their party.

**More Charges Advanced.**

Two additional charges against the Democrat councillors under separate investigation by the city fiscal's office and a committee of the Democracy party are reported

**BETTER CANTON  
ATMOSPHERE.**

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while if they decide to attack Swatow and Chaochow, as planned originally then the main road connecting the two places would provide easy passage.

**Swatow Reinforcements.**

Rumours that the "Ironsides" intended to attack Swatow and that the "Reds" inside were planning an insurrection, induced the authorities at Swatow to wire to General Pei Chung-hai in the north for help and reinforcements.

As a result, on Wednesday last, no fewer than two full divisions of Pei Chung-hai's 13th Army reached Swatow.

The total number of troops at Swatow is said to be 10,000, consisting of three full Divisions. If this reinforcement is combined with the troops of General Chen Ta-chun, Chan Chang-tong and Chan Ming-shiu, then the united force at Swatow and on the upper course of the East River supporting General Li Chai-sum will be from 30,000 to 40,000 men.

In addition, the military authorities at Canton claim that an army of 30,000 is pursuing the retreating "Iron-sides." If the above statement is reliable, then the "Iron-sides," about 25,000 at the most, are outnumbered three to one.

**YANGTSZE MOVES.**

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**or military control in the district.**

Wuhu reports indicate that a movement is being set on foot for the boycotting of British goods.

The Yangtsze military situation is unsettled. General Yang Sen has gone to Wankang, while his men who were at Shashi have moved up the river.

**Independence of Hankow.**

The military commanders at Hankow, General Pei Chung-hai, Hu Chung-tu and Li Chung-yan are likely to declare their independence of Nanking, but as their efforts to compromise with the Hunanese commander, General Ho Chen, who is at Changsha, have failed to materialise, they have still to consider him. It seems probable that the considerable movement of troops from Hankow up-river may have a bearing on this.

General Chiang Kai-shek may find himself in a difficult position as the result of an intrigue which is believed to be directed against him.

General Tang Shin-chi, who visited Japan, has returned from that country and is now journeying into the district of Southern Hunan, by way of Kwangtung.

The a.s. Haiyang arriving from Penang and Singapore with 650 deck passengers, reports the death of one en route from consumption.

Dr. B. H. Mellon, Health Officer of the Port, leaves by the President Jefferson on Wednesday, to undergo a serious operation in America. He hopes to return to the Colony later.

**HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?****The following are the replies to today's questions:**

1. The second and third minor canons, the Rev. R. H. Couchman and the Rev. M. F. Foxell. The office dates back to Norman times, process to Edward II, and obtained satisfaction from the profits of houses property where a debtor has no goods on which distraint can be made. 2. Stones from old London Bridge are being used in the new bridge at Westminster. 3. Three mermaids, pointed eastward, at Borough-bridge, Yorkshire. 4. South-westerly. 5. A dish of shaped meat, eggs, pickles, etc. 6. Uncle's "Temptation of Christ" and Iberia's "Way to Calvary." 7. 16.7 per 1,000 recorded in the third quarter of 1927. 8. The caught on Mount Clifden, County Mayo. 9. II. 11. A series of small white mushrooms fostered by the dew which fall in the area sheltered by Mount Slieve. 12. The Lord Chief Justice. The term means "Sanctus Spiritus," or the Order of the Holy Ghost.

to have been received on Friday last.

The charges consist of an alleged attempt to obtain three city lots from the Araneta family in consideration of the opening of a new street aimed to improve the value of property of the Aranetas and the receipt by each of Pesos 50 from Hermogenes Concepcion, former representative from Nueva Ecija, for attendance in a meeting of the board of directors of the Democracy party of which the three councillors are members.

The payment of Pesos 50 was in the nature of a compensation for attending the meeting in order to vote in the interest of the giver.

The Araneta extortion did not stop, it was declared, because the proposition was turned down.

Vicente Sotto, chief investigator for the committee, said the investigation by his committee is not over, and that further proofs against the councillors are being

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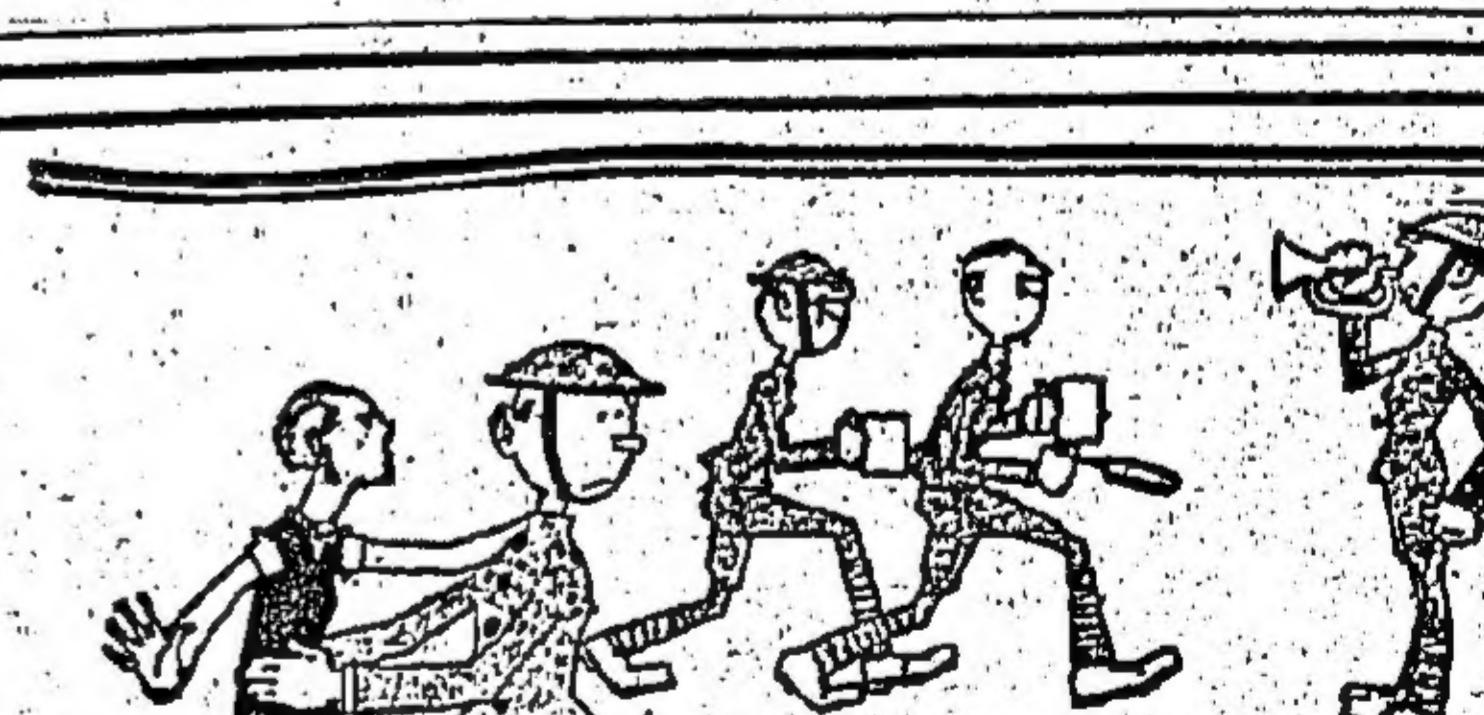
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